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PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (18th CONGRESS)*

I. Enacted into Law

1. Transnational Higher Education Act (RA 11448) – signed August 28, 2019
2. Salary Standardization Law (RA 11466) – signed January 8, 2020
3. Amended Excise Tax Law on Alcohol, E-cigarettes (RA 11467) – signed January 22, 2020
4. Bayanihan to Heal as One Act/Emergency Powers law to address COVID-19 situation (RA 11469) – signed March 23, 2020
5. Bayanihan to Recover as One (RA 11494) – signed September 11, 2020
6. Anti-Red Tape Emergency Powers (RA 11517) – signed December 23, 2020
7. AMLA amendments (RA 11521) – signed January 29, 2021

II. For Signature of the President

1. Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act
2. Financial Institution Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act

*Updated as of January 31, 2021. This list of legislation is a consolidation of important bills of interest to the business community, most of which are currently being considered in the 18th Congress. The compilation of this list in no way implies that all foreign chambers and business groups have approved every measure or even studied all of them.

** RESPOND bills.





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III. For Bicam

1. Improving Confirmation Process of Imperfect Land Titles
2. Tax Reform (TRAIN 2/TRABAHO/CREATE – Corporate Income Tax, Fiscal Incentives; RSR)

IV. Approved on Second/Third Reading

1. Better Normal for Workplace, Public Spaces and Communities Act - RSR
Senate: Pending in Health Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
2. Covid-19 Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
3. Declaring Mining-free Zone - Biliran - RSR
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved on Second Reading
4. Declaring the Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation every July 27 as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
5. Declaring Chinese New Year as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading





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6. Delineation of Forest Limits
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading
7. Department of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority
Senate: Under National Defense Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
8. Digital Workforce Competitiveness/ Digital Careers bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
9. E-government bill**
Senate: Pending in Science and Technology Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
10. Foreign Investments Act amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
11. Granting Additional Service Incentive Leave (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
12. Internet Transactions Act**
Senate: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading





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13. National Transportation Safety Board Creation
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Transportation; Appropriations Committees
14. Public Services Act amendments**
Senate: Approved by Public Services Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
15. Real Property Valuation Reform
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
16. Retail Trade Act amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
17. Rural Agricultural and Fisheries Development Financing System Act
Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
18. Security of Tenure (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
19. Tax Reform (TRAIN 4 – Financial Sector)
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading





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20. Waste-to-Energy bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading

- V. Pending Second Reading
 1. Better Internet Act**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved by ICT Committee

 2. Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under Energy, Ecology and Transportation TWG deliberation

 3. Government Financial Institutions Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery (GUIDE)
Senate: Pending in Government Corporations Committee
House: Pending Second Reading

 4. Mining Fiscal regime bills (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Ways and Means Committee
House: Pending Second Reading

 5. Regulation on Employment of Foreign Nationals
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Labor Committee





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6. Thirty-five Hour Work Week Scheme (RSR)

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending Second Reading

7. VAT on Digital Transactions

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending Second Reading

VI. Approved by Committee

1. Paid Pandemic Leave (RSR)

Senate: No bill filed

House: Approved by Labor Committee

2. Water Sector Reform Act

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Appropriations Committees

VII. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation

1. BOT Law amendments

Senate: Under Public Works TWG deliberation

House: Pending in Public Works Committee

2. Contractor's License Law amendments**

Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation

House: Under Trade TWG deliberation





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3. Creative Industries bill**
Senate: Pending in Trade Committee
House: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation
4. Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion/Creating the Office of Mobility Czar
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Transportation Committee
5. Lifting foreign equity restrictions**
Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation
House: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation

VIII. Pending in Committee

1. Telecommuting Act amendments**
Senate: Pending in Labor; Ways and Means Committee
House: Pending in Labor; Ways and Means Committee
2. Transport Network Companies and Transport Network Vehicles Services Act**
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending In Transportation Committee

