

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11517, December 23, 2020]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Coverage.* - This Act shall cover all agencies of the Executive branch, including departments, bureaus, offices, commissions, boards, councils; government instrumentalities, government-owned and controlled corporations such as, but not limited to, the following: Department of Finance (DOF), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC); Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Water Resources Board (NWRB), Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Land Management Bureau; Department of Justice (DOJ), Land Registration Authority (LRA), Bureau of Immigration (BI); Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA); Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP); Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP); Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC); Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR); Department of Energy (DOE); Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC); Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF/Pag-IBIG), Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC); Social Security System (SSS); Government Service Insurance System (GSIS); and local government units.

SEC. 2. *Authority of the President to Suspend the Requirements for National and Local Permits, Licenses and Certifications, and to Streamline and Expedite the Process for the Issuance Thereof.* - Notwithstanding any law, decree, order or ordinance to the contrary, the President, in times of national emergency shall have the authority to:

- (a) accelerate and streamline regulatory processes and procedures for new and pending applications and renewals of permits, licenses, clearances, certifications or authorizations, including fixing or shortening the periods provided for under existing laws, regulations, issuances, ordinances;
- (b) suspend or waive the requirements in securing such permits, licenses, clearances, certifications or authorizations; and