[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11239, March 08, 2019]

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ENTITLED "AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8794 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. *Disposition of Monies Collected. -* All monies collected under this Act shall be remitted to the National Treasury under a special account in the General Fund to be earmarked solely for the construction, upgrading, repair, and rehabilitation of roads, bridges, and road drainage to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act."

SEC. 2. Section 9 of the same act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 9 of the same act is hereby numbered as Section 8 and amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The secretaries of the DBM, DPWH, and the DOTr, shall jointly, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, and any amendments thereto, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement and carry out the intent, objectives, purposes, and provisions of this Act, as amended, including such structural and procedural improvements in the systems and agencies concerned as may be necessary to ensure the prudent, wise, effective, and efficient utilization of the special funds established under this Act, as amended."

SEC. 4. The succeeding sections of the same Act are hereby renumbered accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Abolition of the Road Board.* - The Road Board created under Republic Act No. 8794 is hereby abolished.

SEC. 6. *Absorption of Affected Personnel, Separation and Retirement Benefits.* - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall, as needed, absorb the employees of the secretariat of the abolished Road Board, without diminution of their salaries and other benefits. Employees who are separated from the service as a result of the abolition of the Road Board and its secretariat shall receive separation benefits under the provisions of Republic Act No. 6656: *Provided*, That those who are qualified to retire under existing laws shall be allowed to retire and receive