



## PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (17<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS)\*

### A. REPUBLIC ACTS/ BILLS

#### I. Enacted into Law

1. Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Law (RA 10870) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
2. Agricultural Land Reform Code amendments (RA 10878) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
3. **Foreign Investment Liberalization Act** (RA 10881) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
4. Special Program for Employment of Students (RA 10917) – lapsed into law July 21, 2016
5. **Pharmacy Profession Act amendments** (RA 10918) – lapsed into law July 21, 2016
6. **Anti-money Laundering Act amendments** (RA 10927) – signed July 14, 2017
7. Extending Passport Validity (RA 10928) – signed August 2, 2017
8. Free Wi-Fi in Public Places (RA 10929) – signed August 2, 2017
9. Extending driver's license validity (RA 10930) – signed August 2, 2017
10. Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (RA 10931) – signed August 3, 2017
11. Indexation of the Revised Penal Code (RA 10951) – signed August 30, 2017

Legend: **Bold** - Arangkada recommendation (JFC/PBGs)

Gray Highlight - LEDAC priority measures

\*Updated as of December 17, 2018. 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 17th 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.





12. **Comprehensive Tax Reform (RA 10963)** – signed December 19, 2017
  13. Declaring the Feast of Immaculate Conception every December 8 as NWH (RA 10966) – signed December 28, 2017 - RSR
  14. Philippine Qualifications Framework (RA 10968) – signed January 16, 2018
  15. **Ease of Doing Business/ Expanded Anti-red Tape Act (RA 11032)** – signed May 28, 2018
  16. Balik Scientist Program (RA 11035) – signed June 15, 2018
  17. National Integrated Protected Areas System Act amendments (RA 11038) – signed June 22, 2018
  18. Regulating the Practice of Food Technology (RA 11052) – signed July 4, 2018
  19. Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054) – signed July 27, 2018
  20. National ID System (RA 11055) – signed July 31, 2018
  21. Personal Property Security Act (RA 11057) – signed August 17, 2018
  22. Regulating the Practice of Criminology (RA 11131) – signed November 15, 2018
  23. Regulation of Payment Systems (RA 11157) – signed November 15, 2018
- II. For President's Signature
1. **Agricultural Free Patent Reform**
  2. Coconut Levy Fund utilization
  3. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
  4. New Central Bank Act amendments
  5. Revised Agricultural Tarrification
  6. Revised Corporation Act
  7. Tax Reform (TRAIN 1b – Tax Amnesty)



8. Telecommuting bill
  9. Universal Healthcare Act amendments
- III. For Bicameral Conference
1. Energy Virtual One Stop Shop
  2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act
  3. Philippine Innovation Act
  4. Road Board abolition (House approval withdrawn)
- IV. Approved on Second/Third Reading
1. **Amendments to the Constitution (Constituent Assembly resolution)**  
Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  2. Constitutional amendments  
Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberations  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  3. Budget Reform Act  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  4. Clean Air Act amendments  
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  5. Compressed Work Week Scheme (RSR)  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Approved on Second Reading
  6. Crop Insurance for CARP Beneficiaries  
Senate: Pending in Agrarian Reform Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading



7. Crop Insurance for Farmers and Fisherfolk  
Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
8. Declaring the Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation every July 27 as NWH – RSR  
Senate: Under Education, Arts, Culture deliberation  
House: Approved on Third Reading
9. Delineation of Forest Limits  
Senate: Pending in Natural Resources Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
10. Department of Disaster Resilience  
Senate: Pending in National Defense Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
11. Foreign Investments Act amendments  
Senate: Pending in Economic Affairs Committee  
House: Approved Second Reading
12. Granting Additional Service Incentive Leave (RSR)  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading
13. **Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion**  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading
14. Innovative Startup  
Senate: Approved on Third Reading  
House: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation
15. Institutionalizing the Conditional Cash Transfer Program  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading



16. Mining Fiscal regime bills (RSR)  
Senate: Pending in Ways and Means Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
17. Mining Free Zone bills (Davao City, Biliran, North Cotabato) - RSR  
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
18. **National Land Use Act**  
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee  
House: Approved on Third Reading
19. **Public Services Act amendments**  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading
20. Real Property Valuation Reform  
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation  
House: Approved on Third Reading
21. Regulating the Practice of Radio X-ray Technology  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Pending in Civil Service Committee
22. Rightsizing of the Government Bureaucracy  
Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)  
House: Approved on Third Reading
23. Security of Tenure (RSR)  
Senate: Pending on Second Reading  
House: Approved on Third Reading
24. Tax Reform (Excise Tax on Alcoholic Beverages)  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Approved on Third Reading



25. Tax Reform (TRAIN 2 – Corporate Income Tax, Fiscal Incentives; RSR)  
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  26. Tax Reform (TRAIN 4 – Financial Sector)  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Approved on Third Reading
  27. Restructuring Excise Tax on Tobacco Products  
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation  
House: Approved on Third Reading
- V. Pending Second Reading
1. Anti-Political Dynasty  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Pending in Suffrage and Electoral Reforms Committee
  2. Apprenticeship Reform Act  
Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)  
House: Approved by House Labor Committee
  3. **Freedom of Information**  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Under Public Information Committee deliberation
  4. Immigration Act  
Senate: Under Justice Committee deliberation  
House: Pending Second Reading
  5. Mining Free Zone bills (Kibungan Benguet, Cagayan de Oro City, Southern Leyte, Palawan) - RSR  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Pending Second Reading





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6. National Transportation Safety Board creation  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Under Government Reorganization TWG deliberation
  7. Salary Standardization Law  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Pending in Appropriations Committee
- VI. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation
1. **Bank Secrecy law amendments**  
Senate: Under Banks Committee TWG deliberation  
House: Pending in Banks Committee (contained in Income Tax Reform Bill)
  2. **BOT Law amendments**  
Senate: Pending in Public Works Committee  
House: Approved by Public Works Committee
  3. CAAP law amendments  
Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee  
House: Under Government Enterprises/Transportation Committee deliberations
  4. Contractor's Law amendments  
Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation  
House: Pending in Trade Committee
  5. Creating the Philippine Airports Development Corporation  
Senate: Pending in Government Corporation Committee  
House: Approved by Government Enterprises Committee
  6. Direct Remittance of LGU share in national wealth taxes  
Senate: Under Local Government TWG deliberation  
House: Pending in Local Government Committee





7. Downstream Natural Gas Industry  
Senate: Under Energy Committee deliberation  
House: Pending in Committee
8. Mining-free Zone bills (RSR) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dt. Palawan, Marinduque  
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee  
House: Under Natural Resources Committee deliberation
9. Strengthen the Crop Insurance System  
Senate: Under Agriculture Committee deliberation  
House: Pending in Agriculture Committee
10. Sustainable Forest Management bill  
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee  
House: Under Natural Resources TWG deliberation
11. **Water Sector Reform act**  
Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee  
House: Under Government Enterprises Committee TWG deliberation
12. **Retail Trade Act amendments**  
Senate: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation  
House: Approved by Trade Committee

## **B. EXECUTIVE ORDERS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ISSUANCES**

### I. Positive

1. Freedom of Information (EO 2) – signed July 23, 2016
2. Creating a Consultative Committee to Review the 1987 Constitution (EO 10) – signed Dec 7, 2016
3. Memorandum Order directing the NEDA Board and its member agencies to exert utmost efforts to lift or ease restrictions on certain investment areas of activities with limited foreign participation (MO 16) – signed Nov 21, 2017
4. Energy Projects of National Significance (Draft EO of DOE)





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5. Directing GPH Agencies to Implement the PDP (Draft EO of NEDA)
6. Separating Aircraft Investigation Board from CAAP (Draft EO of TAF)

## II. Requiring Substantial Reconsideration (RSR)

1. Ban on Export of Mineral Ores  
Senate: Pending Second Reading  
House: Under Natural Resources Committee TWG deliberation
2. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Infrastructure Projects  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Pending in Public Works Committee
3. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Mining Operations  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Approved by Natural Resources Committee
4. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Public Transportation  
Senate: No bill filed  
House: Pending in Transportation Committee

