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House Bill No. 4209

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
HON. EDUARDO “BRO. EDDIE” C. VILLANUEVA

AN ACT
MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC
AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) TO APPEAR ANNUALLY
BEFORE CONGRESS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF HOW THE
PHILIPPINES FARE IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

in September 2015, the Philippine signed and became a party state to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1 which laid down “Agenda 2030” – more commonly known as the “17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – a collection of universal goals, targets and indicators expected to be pursued by its member states in order to end poverty in any of its form by 2030.

The country’s resolute commitment to achieving the 17 SDGs can never be denied. In fact, the 17 SDGs are even integrated and embedded into our current midterm Philippine Development Plan. However, even with good policy direction yet absent undivided focus, consistent monitoring and continuous policy adjustments, policymakers will have the

tendency to veer away and get off course from pursuing the achievement of SDGs.

The 17 SDGs are simply a yardstick of how genuine and inclusive our development is. Thus, every SDG and the attainment thereof shall be deeply embedded in the psyche and subconsciousness of every policymaker.

This bill seeks to provide for an institutionalized mechanism by which SDGs will be constantly and regularly put in the awareness and consciousness of our policymakers, both in the legislative and executive branches of the government. This measure aims to mandate the Secretary of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), together with other relevant Department or Agencies, to appear annually before Congress to report on the status of how our country fare in achieving the SDGs – with the end view of identifying policy areas that need immediate reforms or intervention so that we will stay on track. The time assigned by the bill is within the month of January of each year to apprise our policymakers early in the year (especially before the budget call is issued by the government among its agencies) of the country’s standing in terms of meeting the SDGs.

It is hoped that with sustained awareness and institutionalized appraisal, legislative and executive efforts will be framed, focused, channeled, and guided into seriously chasing the attainment of SDGs which are crafted for the eventual upliftment of the welfare and lives of our dear Filipino people.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

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4 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Annual National*
5 *Report on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Act.*”

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7 **SEC.2. Declaration of Policy.** – Pursuant to Section 28, Article 11
8 of the 1987 Constitution, it is hereby declared a policy of the State to
9 submit to full public disclosure on matters involving public interest –
10 particularly relevant information that will greatly help the government craft
11 the necessary and needed policy actions in order to achieve the 17
12 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which ultimately aim to the
13 upliftment of the lives of the Filipino people.

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1 **SEC.3. Mandatory Appearance and Reporting before Congress.**

2 – Within the month of January of every year, the Secretary of the National
3 Economic Development Authority (NEDA), together with heads of related
4 and necessary government agencies shall appear before the Members of
5 the House of Representatives and Senate, either separately or jointly, to
6 report on the status of how the country fare in achieving the SDGs so far
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8 **SEC.4. Content of Report.** – The report mandated in this Act shall
9 contain, but may not be limited to, the following:

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- 11 1. The actual standing of the country in relation to each of the SDGs
12 using reliable and latest government and non-government data;
 - 13 2. The impact of the programs and projects immediately preceding
14 fiscal year budget;
 - 15 3. The direction and targets aimed for the ensuing year as well as
16 the performance indicators needed to guide actions;
 - 17 4. The legislative measures and/or policy adjustments needed to
18 meet the set direction and targets; and
 - 19 5. Other matters that may be requested by Congress.

20 NEDA shall submit the written report to Congress at least one week
21 before the scheduled appearance before Congress.
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23 **SEC.5. Livestreaming and/or Broadcasting of the Report.** – The
24 report mandated in this Act shall be livestreamed through the online
25 platforms of Congress, NEDA and any other government agencies.
26 Likewise, it shall also be broadcasted in all government television and
27 radio stations.
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29 **SEC.6. Public Disclosure of the Report.** – On or before the
30 scheduled date of appearance before Congress, the written report
31 submitted by NEDA to Congress shall be made available, accessible, and
32 downloadable in the respective websites of NEDA and Congress within
33 the next five (5) years.
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35 **SEC.7. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason, any part or provision
36 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
37 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC.8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, presidential
2 decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent
3 with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
4 accordingly.

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6 **SEC.9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
7 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of
8 general circulation.

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10 **Approved,**