



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MANALO, SARMIENTO (C.), PANCHO, SARMIENTO (E.M.), PIMENTEL, DEL MAR, MADRONA, MARQUEZ, VIOLAGO, BATOCABE, GONZALEZ, ARENAS, BATAOIL, GARCIA (G.), RAMOS AND BARBERS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT No. 1145

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR A CONSORTIUM OF SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES FOR CERTAIN VESSELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9295, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 9295 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 22. *Classification of Vessels in the Domestic*
4 *Trade.* – All vessels, whether newly built or previously
5 owned, which are acquired on or after the effectivity of
6 this Act shall be classed by a government-[recognized]
7 ACCREDITED OR AUTHORIZED classification society on
8 the date of acquisition prior to [its] THEIR operation in
9 the domestic trade.

10 "FOR THIS PURPOSE, MARINA SHALL ACCREDIT
11 ONLY ONE (1) LOCAL CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR

1 CONSORTIUM OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES THAT
2 SHALL CATER TO THE CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
3 OF SHIPS IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE WHICH ARE
4 MORE THAN THIRTY-FIVE (35) GROSS TONNAGE.
5 THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE, HOWEVER, TO THE
6 MARINA'S AUTHORITY TO RECOGNIZE SURVEYS
7 AND CERTIFICATIONS OF ANY INTERNATIONAL
8 CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY WHICH IS A MEMBER
9 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
10 CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.

11 "THE MARINA, GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF
12 MARITIME SAFETY AND PUBLIC SERVICE CONSISTENT
13 WITH INTERNATIONAL BEST INDUSTRY PRACTICE,
14 SHALL SET THE POLICIES, RULES, AND GUIDELINES FOR
15 THE ACCREDITATION OF SUCH LOCAL CLASSIFICATION
16 SOCIETY OR CONSORTIUM, INCLUDING:

17 "(1) THE TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS, AND
18 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF SURVEY
19 AND PLAN APPROVAL STAFF, AS WELL AS THEIR
20 SUPPORT STAFF: *PROVIDED*, THAT ANY APPLICANT
21 WHO COMPLIES WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS SHALL
22 FORM PART OF THE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY'S SURVEY
23 AND PLAN APPROVAL STAFF;

24 "(2) THE SCHEDULE OF SURVEY AND
25 CERTIFICATION FEES TO BE CHARGED BY
26 THE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR A MEMBER
27 CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY; AND

28 "(3) THE COMPENSATION OF SURVEY AND PLAN
29 APPROVAL STAFF.

1 "IN THE EVENT THAT MARINA FINDS THE
2 ACCREDITED LOCAL CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR
3 CONSORTIUM NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS POLICIES,
4 RULES, AND GUIDELINES, IT MAY EXERCISE THE
5 DISCRETION TO CANCEL AND TRANSFER SUCH
6 ACCREDITATION OR AUTHORIZATION TO ANY QUALIFIED
7 LOCAL CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR CONSORTIUM, AS IT
8 MAY DEEM FIT: *PROVIDED*, THAT THERE SHALL
9 REMAIN ONLY ONE (1) ACCREDITED CLASSIFICATION
10 SOCIETY OR CONSORTIUM OF CLASSIFICATION
11 SOCIETIES AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

12 "THE MARINA SHALL INSTITUTIONALIZE A
13 PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT CLASSIFICATION
14 SYSTEM THAT SHALL CATER TO
15 THE CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
16 NONCONVENTIONAL WOODEN-HULLED SHIPS, AS
17 WELL AS SHIPS WHICH ARE THIRTY-FIVE (35)
18 GROSS TONNAGE AND BELOW THAT ARE USED IN
19 DOMESTIC TRADE."

20 SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and
21 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended
22 or modified accordingly.

23 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
25 circulation.

Approved,