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1 AN ACT

2 ESTABLISHING A COVID-19 UNEMPLOYMENT REDUCTION  
3 ECONOMIC STIMULUS (CURES) FUND, INSTITUTING  
4 MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND  
5 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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10 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "COVID-19  
11 *Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus (CURES) Act*"

12 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes that infrastructure  
13 in various socio-economic sectors is the backbone of the country's economy.  
14 With the possibility of an economic downturn and unemployment inevitably  
15 arising from the restrictive lockdown measures implemented by the Philippine  
16 Government to curb the transmission of the COVID-19 virus among Filipinos, it  
17 is hereby declared a policy of the State to develop more stimulus measures and  
18 implement interventions that will create new jobs, protect existing employment-  
19 generating activities and promote the equitable distribution of resources towards

1 the eradication of poverty and the integral inclusive development of the Filipino  
2 people.

3 For this purpose, the State shall: a) establish a Special Fund to be  
4 disbursed primarily for the implementation of infrastructure projects across  
5 these priority areas –health, education, agriculture, local roads, infrastructure,  
6 livelihood, including information and communication technology and tourism  
7 (HEAL IT); b) define the guidelines, criteria and standards in the access,  
8 implementation and evaluation of use of the special fund; and c) establish the  
9 government authority and body which shall be responsible for the collection,  
10 evaluation, approval and oversight of the projects and activities to be undertaken  
11 under the special fund.

12 **SEC. 3. *Appropriation, Automatic Release and Fund Availability.***– The  
13 amount of One trillion five hundred billion pesos (P1,500,000,000,000.00) is  
14 hereby appropriated for the establishment of the COVID-19 Unemployment  
15 Reduction Economic Stimulus (CURES) Fund.

16 The budgetary requirements for projects approved for implementation  
17 under this Act shall be automatically released to the implementing unit in order  
18 to facilitate the start-up and completion of projects, and remove existing  
19 regulations and issuances that would impede the same.

20 Appropriation for the CURES Fund shall be made available as they are  
21 hereby appropriated for three (3) fiscal years from the year following its  
22 enactment into law under the following schedule: Five hundred billion pesos

1 (P500,000,000,000.00) on the first year; Five hundred billion pesos  
2 (P500,000,000,000.00) on the second year; and Five hundred billion pesos  
3 (P500,000,000,000.00) on the third year. Three (3) years after the approval of  
4 this Act, Congress shall enact legislation extending or modifying the same, or  
5 terminating the Fund. In case of the latter, the unobligated balance shall be  
6 made available for the general budgetary requirements of the year succeeding its  
7 termination.

8 **SEC. 4. *Eligibility.*** – Infrastructure projects under the priority areas such  
9 as health, education, agriculture, local roads, infrastructure, livelihood,  
10 information and communication technology and tourism (HEAL IT), shall be  
11 implemented through the CURES Fund: *Provided*, That a project to be eligible  
12 for implementation must, on the date of the submission of the application by the  
13 designated department or agency authorized to receive, screen and evaluate the  
14 project for implementation, meet the priority guidelines for the fiscal year under  
15 consideration by the Executive Cluster Committee established under this Act.

16 **4.1. *Implementing Units.*** – The implementation of projects under the  
17 CURES Fund shall be undertaken by the departments and agencies authorized  
18 by law or their charter to implement such class of projects. Such departments  
19 and agencies may, however, enter into a memorandum of agreement with a local  
20 government unit (LGU): *Provided*, That the LGU possesses the capacity to  
21 implement and maintain the same after construction.

1           4.2. No project shall be approved for implementation under the CURES  
2 Fund unless the proponent can demonstrate that actual work on the same can  
3 realistically commence within a period of ninety (90) working-days from the  
4 release of the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) from the Department of  
5 Budget and Management.

6           4. 3. In the construction of local infrastructure projects under the CURES  
7 Fund, the projects must be included and proposed under the local development  
8 plans of the LGUs and the manpower needed in the project shall be sourced out  
9 from the local labor to generate local employment.

10           The internal revenue allotments (IRA) of LGUs shall be considered in the  
11 CURES fund for equitable resource allocation.

12           **SEC. 5. *Project Classes.*** – Infrastructure projects to be funded under this  
13 Act shall primarily be for construction, repair or improvement purposes and  
14 other related activities but may also include the procurement of the necessary  
15 and essential equipment and implements for the operation of the same. No  
16 money shall be paid out of this fund for the payment of personnel services, job  
17 order salaries, professional and consultancy fees and conduct of trainings,  
18 seminars, sports and cultural activities of the LGUs where the projects are  
19 located. The priority projects are classified under the following:

20           5.1. Health-Related Projects to be funded through the CURES Fund  
21 which shall be aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan for

1 a more rational allocation of government resources, shall prioritize the  
2 following:

3 (a) Construction, improvement or expansion of national and regional  
4 hospitals or the procurement of start-up equipment and supplies for  
5 new or existing facilities under this class;

6 (b) Construction, improvement or expansion of barangay or municipal  
7 health centers, or the procurement of start-up equipment and supplies  
8 for new or existing facilities under this class;

9 (c) Construction, improvement or expansion of municipal or city health  
10 clinics, hospitals and other facilities or the procurement of start-up  
11 equipment and supplies for new or existing facilities under this class;

12 (d) Construction, improvement or expansion of provincial and district  
13 hospitals and municipal health facilities and the procurement of  
14 equipment and supplies for new or existing facilities under this class;

15 (e) Construction of testing centers and isolation facilities for  
16 communicable diseases and additional intensive care units at local  
17 hospitals;

18 (f) Purchase of information and communication technology equipment or  
19 laboratory facilities to enable immediate coordinated health response to  
20 suppress transmission of contagious or communicable diseases,  
21 information exchange, and contact tracing;

1 (g) Construction or establishment of hospitals and clinics with a senior  
2 citizen and persons with disability (PWD) wings, or senior citizen and  
3 PWD health centers;

4 (h) Improvements that contribute to the suppression, mitigation and risk  
5 management of communicable disease occurrence of public health  
6 concern and its consequences, with special focus on laboratory testing,  
7 contact tracing, telehealth services and electronic medical or health  
8 records system (EMR/HER);

9 (i) Purchase of equipment to upgrade hospital records into an electronic  
10 health record system;

11 (j) Infrastructure investment for telehealth services, e-prescriptions and  
12 mobile or remote access to health records;

13 (k) Purchase of cloud-based platforms for clinical data analysis,  
14 management and consolidation; and

15 (l) Construction of wastewater or sewage treatment plants or disposal  
16 facilities to minimize chemical and microbial hazards associated in human  
17 and hospital waste.

18 5.2. Education-Related Projects to be funded through the CURES Fund  
19 shall prioritize the following:

20 (a) Construction, expansion or improvement of school buildings and  
21 classrooms to decongest school facilities;



1 (b) Construction, repair or improvement of washing and sanitation areas,  
2 toilets in every school;

3 (c) Construction, repair or improvement of other school facilities for  
4 industrial arts, culinary services, libraries, covered courts and other  
5 facilities;

6 (d) Construction, repair or improvement of alternative learning centers,  
7 including electronic learning system classrooms and the procurement of  
8 equipment and supplies for the operations of facilities under this class;

9 (e) Construction, repair or improvement of youth civic centers,  
10 gymnasium and sports or athletic facilities;

11 (f) Construction, improvement or expansion of technical-vocational  
12 learning centers and the procurement of equipment and supplies for the  
13 operation of facilities under this class; and

14 (g) Establishment of digital infrastructure such as information and  
15 communication technology facilities, information and communication  
16 technology hubs in any public educational, training, or learning institution  
17 and the procurement of equipment and supplies that will facilitate  
18 electronic learning, or remote or distance learning in the localities.

19 5.3. Agriculture-Related Projects to be funded through the CURES Fund  
20 shall prioritize the following:

21 (a) Construction, repair or improvement of municipal, provincial fish  
22 ports or docks with ample space that may support social distancing for

1 direct buyers, and their connecting roads or access networks and other  
2 necessary buildings or attached facilities or equipment for use therein;

3 (b) Construction, repair or improvement of post-harvest facilities  
4 including cold storage facilities, fish landing for aqua-fisheries, meat  
5 processing and packaging centers for commercial distribution, and the  
6 procurement of farming machinery or equipment and fishery equipment  
7 such as motorized fishing vessels, gill nets, and other facilities for  
8 activities under this class;

9 (c) Construction, repair or maintenance of municipal, and provincial  
10 livestock facilities, hatcheries, fish nurseries, and other aqua-fishery  
11 facilities;

12 (d) Construction, repair or improvement of barangay, municipal, city or  
13 provincial trading (*bagsakan*) centers, food terminals, or satellite markets  
14 following a plan that allows social distancing;

15 (e) Construction, repair or improvement of municipal, city, and provincial  
16 abattoirs and hazard free packaging facilities;

17 (f) Construction, repair or improvement of barangay, municipal, and  
18 provincial agricultural training centers, nurseries, and other agri-fishery  
19 research and development facilities;

20 (g) Construction, repair or improvement of drainage and irrigation  
21 systems for flood-prone agricultural areas;

1 (h) Construction or acquisition of more modern fishing vessels for  
2 cooperatives and fabrication of more fishnets, and other agri-fishery  
3 implements; and

4 (i) Construction of alternative livelihood facilities for agricultural workers  
5 that involve processing of economically significant agri-business output.

6 (j) Establishment of IT-enabled farmers training centers well equipped  
7 with high-speed internet and latest computers to advance farming  
8 techniques and provide assistance on online selling as well as financial  
9 literacy by means of digital payments;

10 5. 4. Local Roads Infrastructure Projects to be funded through the  
11 CURES Fund shall prioritize the following:

12 (a) Construction or expansion of farm-to-market roads with adjoining  
13 solar drying pavements to facilitate transport of goods and supplies;

14 (b) Construction, improvement or expansion of provincial, city, municipal  
15 or barangay roads affecting vulnerable communities;

16 (c) Construction, improvement or expansion of provincial, city, municipal  
17 or barangay roads and other road networks connecting schools, state  
18 universities and colleges and government-operated community colleges;

19 (d) Construction, repair or improvement of provincial, city, municipal or  
20 barangay roads connecting communities to health facilities such as  
21 hospitals, testing centers, quarantine and isolation facilities;

1 (e) Construction of provincial, city, municipal or barangay new road  
2 openings and construction of bridges across creeks or irrigation canals;

3 (f) Construction of women and children-friendly evacuation centers and  
4 disasters emergency facilities including the establishment of resource  
5 development and crisis assistance centers for women and children; and,

6 (g) Construction, expansion or improvement of roads, pedestrian lanes in  
7 provinces outside the National Capital Region (NCR) that have tourist  
8 facilities, beach areas or mountain parks, and roads going to new business  
9 districts, new economic zones or micro small and medium enterprise  
10 business hubs.

11 5.5. Livelihood Projects to be funded through the CURES Fund shall  
12 prioritize the following:

13 (a) The Implementation of an Enhanced Sustainable Livelihood Program  
14 under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

15 (b) The implementation of an Enhanced TUPAD Program under  
16 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

17 (c) The implementation of the proposed Barangay Emergency  
18 Employment Program (BEEP) under DOLE to generate employment and  
19 mitigate unemployment due to COVID-19 and ensure income for formal  
20 and informal sectors during the post-COVID-19 recovery stage;

21 (d) The establishment of access to credit and financing for small and  
22 medium enterprises (SMEs);

1 (e) The establishment of research and development (R&D) programs for  
2 product development and enterprise diversification;

3 (f) Building or construction of integrated agricultural processing facilities  
4 for high-value agricultural products;

5 (g) The building or construction of production hubs and local livelihood  
6 product marketing and trading centers to improve trade linkages and  
7 partnerships; and,

8 (h) The enhancement of human resource capacity such as technical  
9 vocational training and education and the construction of training centers  
10 and knowledge transfer facilities.

11 5.6. Information Technology and Connectivity Projects to be funded  
12 through the CURES Fund shall prioritize the following:

13 (a) Establishment of research and information centers, with digital  
14 platforms, for public use and training for the youth and students;

15 (b) Purchase and deployment of mobile network POPs  
16 (Telecommunications Point of Presence), parked in selected Municipal

17 Hall in each province that is capable to expand the coverage of the cell

18 site on each province. This telecommunication infrastructure has an

19 approximate 50-100KM radius which improves and extends internet

20 connectivity without putting a new tower;

1 c) Strengthening of the offices involved in information and  
2 communications technology towards the acceleration of the digitalization  
3 in the locality;

4 d) The development, establishment and implementation of digital  
5 platforms in doing government transactions;

6 e) Improving government processes towards paperless communications;

7 f) Encouraging the private sector towards the digitization of processes  
8 including cashless transactions;

9 g) Appropriation of targeted multi-year investments in information  
10 technology infrastructure or equipment including purchase of information  
11 and communication technology equipment or laboratory facilities to  
12 enable immediate coordinated health response to suppress transmission of  
13 contagious or communicable diseases, information exchange and contact  
14 tracing; and,

15 (h) Substantial investments on infrastructure, equipment or systems to  
16 ensure adequate and sustainable connectivity, security and nationwide  
17 coverage to serve as a crucial backbone for the digital transformation in  
18 the health system and secure interoperable information and  
19 communication technology solutions that will protect both the patients  
20 and providers, and will not disrupt the health system.

21 5.7. Tourism Industry Projects to be funded through the CURES Fund  
22 shall prioritize the following:

- 1 (a) Support for programs, projects, and activities to boost domestic  
2 tourism when travel permits post Covid 19;
- 3 b) Creation of an Inter-Agency Committee composed of the Department  
4 of Tourism (DOT), the Department of the Interior and Local Government  
5 (DILG), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR),  
6 and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to  
7 implement measures to prepare, improve and enhance nature-based  
8 destinations compliant with global international standards;
- 9 c) Formulation by the DOT and the Department of Health manuals  
10 establishing new safety protocols and practices for implementation by all  
11 stakeholders involved in the tourism industry including conduct of  
12 tourism-related activities such as festivals, fiestas, concerts and the like;
- 13 d) Construction, repair or improvement of roads, bridges and other  
14 infrastructure leading to identified tourism destinations;
- 15 e) Construction, repair or maintenance of medical clinics at major tourist  
16 destinations as well as the supply of the necessary instruments for  
17 adequate response to emergencies;
- 18 f) Construction and maintenance of rest rooms, washing and sanitation  
19 facilities including the installation of sanitation devices in parks and  
20 common areas in public tourism destinations;
- 21 g) Construction, improvement or maintenance of wastewater treatment  
22 and solid waste management facilities in identified tourism destinations;

1 h) Ensuring compliance by tourism stakeholders with international  
2 environmental standards;

3 i) Establishment and operation of tourist assistance centers for the security  
4 and safety of tourists;

5 j) Establishment and development of information and communication  
6 technology systems and digital facilities for on-line tourism transactions  
7 such as ticketing, booking, travel itineraries;

8 k) Development of sustainable tourism practices such as accommodation,  
9 transportation and waste management;

10 l) Conduct of re-training, capacity development, and improvement of  
11 skills for all involved in the tourism enterprises, tourism front liners and  
12 workers, particularly on the “new normal” standards and practices of the  
13 tourism industry;

14 m) Re-skilling and upskilling of all involved in the tourism industry to  
15 develop new tourism products and meaningful experiences such as bicycle  
16 tours, tree planting, and the like; and,

17 n) Promotion of agriculture, farm and medical tourism areas.

18 **SEC. 6. *CURES Fund Executive Cluster Committee.*** – An Executive  
19 Cluster Committee is hereby established to formulate guidelines in the  
20 administration of the CURES Fund and designation of the Executive  
21 Department or Agencies that shall Receive Applications, Screen and Vet and  
22 Process for Implementation of the projects authorized under this Act.



1           **6.1. The Executive Cluster Committee is composed of the following:**

2   **Chairperson -       Secretary of the Presidential Adviser for Flagship Programs**  
3                               **and Projects**

4   **Vice-Chairs -       Secretary of Public Works and Highways**

5                               **Secretary of Finance**

6   **Members       -       Secretary of Health**

7                               **Secretary of Education**

8                               **Secretary of Labor and Employment**

9                               **Secretary of Agriculture**

10                              **Secretary of Trade and Industry**

11                             **Secretary of Interior and Local Government**

12   **Secretariat   -       Director-General of the National Economic Development**

13                             **Authority**

14           **6.2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Cluster Committee:**

15           **(a) Within fifteen (15) days from the approval of this Act, the CURES**  
16   **Fund Executive Cluster Committee shall convene to formulate the implementing**  
17   **rules and regulations (IRR) of this Act, which include the standard formula**  
18   **calculating the multiplier effect of the infrastructure project to be implemented**  
19   **considering its effects on local employment and job creation as one of the**  
20   **primary screening factor in project selection and approval;**

1 (b) The Executive Cluster Committee shall establish and maintain an  
2 Open and Publicly Accessible Online Portal through which projects funded out  
3 of this Act may be monitored;

4 (c) The Executive Cluster Committee shall, pursuant to the eligibility  
5 criteria established in this Act and further specified in the subsequent IRR and  
6 using the formula adopted, approve priority areas for funding consideration,  
7 including the projects which may be implemented therein based on the most  
8 advantageous to local employment and job creation as determined by the  
9 adopted formula;

10 (d) Provide adequate mechanisms and measures for social distancing and  
11 use of personal protective equipment in the operations of approved projects for  
12 CURES to ensure that COVID-19 are contained in the process of giving  
13 alternative employment; and

14 (e) The budgetary requirements for the implementation of approved  
15 projects under the CURES Fund shall be automatically downloaded to the  
16 accounts of the implementing departments or agencies with the implementation  
17 and use of the same, subject to existing government audit rules and regulations.

18 **SEC. 7. Reporting Requirement.** – The Executive Cluster Committee  
19 shall periodically compile all the reports of the implementing department and  
20 agencies including the projects implemented by or through LGUs and shall  
21 submit within twenty five (25) days at the end of every semester, a status report  
22 of the projects to the office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines

1 and to the Congress of the Philippines through the office of the Senate President  
2 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3       **SEC. 8. *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee.*** – A joint oversight  
4 committee is hereby created to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the  
5 implementation of this Act. The joint oversight committee is composed of three  
6 (3) members from the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
7 of the House and three (3) members from the Senate, to be appointed by the  
8 Senate President.

9       **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared  
10 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall  
11 remain in full force and effect.

12       **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All law, decrees, orders, rules and  
13 regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this  
14 Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

15       **SEC. 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
16 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
17 circulation.

18       Approved,