

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2021-009

SUBJECT : AN ORDER AMENDING THE DURATION OF D.O. 2020-017 UNDER R. A. 11494 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT, TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACTING PROGRAM UNDER R.A. 11518 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA)

DATE : 16 JUNE 2021

I. BACKGROUND

By the virtue of Republic Act No. 11494 otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act signed 11 September 2020, DOTr D.O. 2020-017 was promulgated to implement the Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Service Contracting Program and Related Activities, as part of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions pursuant to Section 4, paragraph (fff) of the R.A. 11494.

Through the D.O. 2020-017, Oversight and Implementation Committees were created with defined functions and responsibilities related to the implementation of the Service Contracting Program, impliedly valid within the duration of the program pursuant to R.A. 11494.

As the aforementioned program is expanding across all regions in the country, and due to the necessity of an efficient, safe, reliable, and financially viable land transportation system under the unusual circumstances brought by the pandemic crisis, the Service Contracting Program is included for funding in R.A. 11518 or the General Appropriations Act of 2021, to operationalize its continuous implementation.

II. EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF D.O. 2020-017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM UNDER R.A. 11518

Provision VI D.O. 2020-017 provides that:

"The Program shall be implemented within the period indicated under R.A. 11494 until the need remains relevant vis-a-vis the present transport condition"

Provision VI of the D.O. 2020-017 is hereby amended and shall be read as follows:

"The program and the defined obligations conferred on the created Implementation Committee and Oversight Committee hereunder shall come into effect on the date mentioned in the Implementing Guidelines hereto, and shall remain in effect during the period of validity of the funds appropriated for Service Contracting under the General Appropriations Act, unless earlier terminated, cancelled, or subsequently renewed or extended by law or any other issuance, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

III. MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

The LTFRB is mandated to promulgate relevant implementing Memorandum Circular within thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Department Order.

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IV. REPEALING CLAUSE

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed without prejudice to any action or actions taken thereunder.

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V. EFFECTIVITY

This Department Order shall take effect immediately following its publication in the UP Law Center or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

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