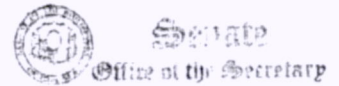


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AN ACT
ENSURING THE CONTINUOUS AND UNINTERRUPTED
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, THE
PROTECTION OF THE INTEGRITY AND RELIABILITY OF POWER
LINES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The electric power industry is hindered by problems with right of way easements over lands traversed by transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution lines. The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) has repeatedly requested for assistance from the government to help resolve problems with property owners who have refused to allow NGCP personnel to enter their properties to clear and restore damaged transmission lines.¹ In some cases, NGCP has gone as far as the courts to seek redress.²

One aspect of energy security is the continuous and uninterrupted operation of transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution infrastructure. Programs must be in place to allow undisturbed maintenance and rehabilitation of transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution lines. Hence this bill.

This measure ensures the integrity and reliability of the electric power infrastructure nationwide by (1) recognizing the key role played by private landowners in ensuring that the Power Line Corridor remain

¹ <http://www.rappler.com/trending/%20Agus%202-Kibawe%20Line%201> visited 22 November 2016.
"Right-of-way issues prevent NGCP from fixing critical power lines". Published 18 October 2015.

² <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/764354/court-help-sought-for-tower-repair> visited 22 November 2016.
"Court help sought for tower repair" by Riza T. Olchondra published on 13 February 2016.

free of any hazardous impediments; (2) authorizing personnel to have unhindered access over public or private property to conduct inspection, repair, restoration, and preservation of transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution lines; and (2) defining prohibited acts which interfere, obstruct, or threaten the functioning of existing transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution facilities.

Seeing that the ceaseless conveyance of electricity from generating plants to end users is crucial to the country's economic development, the immediate passage of this bill is sought.



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