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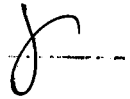
Over the last few years, several tragedies involving fire have been widely reported. While these fires are attributable to many factors, among them negligence and wilful failure to comply with the safety regulations imposed by the proper authorities, it has been pointed out that the law covering fire safety may be improved.

For this purpose, this bill amends *Republic Act No. 9514*, or the "Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008" by increasing the size of fire exit signs, requiring that the signs be made of luminous, glow-in-the-dark material, and giving specifics for the emergency lights that surround a fire exit. In many instances, the increased number of casualties during fires is due to people being unable to find the exits.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** — *Section 7(d) of Republic Act No. 9514 is hereby*
2 *amended to read as follows:*

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4 *d. Provision on Fire Safety Construction, Protective and*
5 *Warning System. — x x x x x*

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7 (11) Properly marked and lighted exits with provision for
8 emergency lights to adequately illuminate exit ways in case
9 of power failure. **THE WORD "EXIT" SHALL BE IN**
10 **PLAINLY LEGIBLE LETTERS NOT LESS THAN**
11 **THIRTY CENTIMETERS (30 CM) HIGH, WITH THE**
12 **PRINCIPAL STROKES OF LETTERS NOT LESS**
13 **THAN THIRTY-EIGHT MILLIMETERS (38 MM)**
14 **WIDE. THE EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE LUMINOUS,**
15 **USING GLOW-IN-THE-DARK MATERIALS.**

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17 **AN EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM SHALL**
18 **BE INSTALLED TO PROVIDE ILLUMINATION**

1 **AUTOMATICALLY IN THE EVENT OF ANY**
2 **INTERRUPTION OF NORMAL LIGHTING, SUCH AS**
3 **ANY FAILURE OF PUBLIC UTILITY OR OTHER**
4 **OUTSIDE ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY, OPENING**
5 **OF A CIRCUIT BREAKER OR FUSE, OR ANY**
6 **MANUAL ACT, INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL**
7 **OPENING OF A SWITCH CONTROLLING NORMAL**
8 **LIGHTING FACILITIES. THE ILLUMINATION**
9 **PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY LIGHTING**
10 **SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 10.7 LUX.**

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12 **THE EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM SHALL**
13 **EITHER BE CONTINUOUSLY IN OPERATION OR**
14 **SHALL BE CAPABLE OF REPEATED AUTOMATIC**
15 **OPERATION WITHOUT INTERVENTION.**

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17 **THE EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM SHALL**
18 **BE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING ILLUMINATION**
19 **IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE OF THE NORMAL**
20 **LIGHTING FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE AND**
21 **A HALF (1 ½) HOURS.**

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23 **ALL EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS**
24 **SHALL BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED.”**

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26 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, orders,
27 regulations, and policies, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the
28 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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30 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen
31 (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2)
32 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,