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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the establishment of an Integrated Identification System that will consolidate the identification (ID) method of the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System, Commission on Elections, and Bureau of Internal Revenue.

This identification system is aimed at streamlining the bureaucracy, creating greater harmonization, and cutting down on expenses by consolidating existing ID methods. At present, there are ID systems for each separate institution, this creates a lot of unnecessary paperwork which can be eliminated by consolidation.

This bill brings together the existing ID systems and institutes a unified system. It is a measure aiming to create greater order and uniformity and avoid wastage. While initially, this move to institutionalize a new ID system would incur costs on the government, a great deal of expense will be avoided in the succeeding years by having a single ID for the varied government services. More importantly, this measure conforms to the renewed policy of the government on austerity.

This bill will provide the mandate to facilitate the integration of the various ID systems and the consequent coordination of agencies involved. As such, the approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION (ID) SYSTEM TO CONSOLIDATE EXISTING ID SYSTEMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title* –This act shall be known as the "National Identification System Act of 2004."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy and Objectives.* –It is the policy of the state to establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and consolidated National Identification System (National ID) relevant to the goal of improved public administration. To achieve this, the government shall ensure that the National Identification System shall aid the following objectives:

1) To streamline and economize the bureaucracy by consolidation of the ID systems present with the National ID system.
2) To facilitate and expedite statistical data gathering by pertinent government institutions in aid of planning activities.

3) To provide Filipino citizens with a simple and effective identification system to conduct transactions.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Agencies*. -- The National Statistics Office, in coordination with the GSIS, SSS, COMELEC and BIR shall establish a National Identification System.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. --- The National Statistics Office in coordination with the Government System Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this act within one (1) year after the enactment of this Act. In drawing up the said rules and regulations, they shall be guided by the following:

a) All Filipinos, eighteen years old and above, and all resident aliens shall be under the Identification system and for the purpose shall be issued an identification card free of charge;

b) The Identification Card bearer shall be assigned a permanent number which shall be non-transferable, even after the bearer's death;

c) The permanent number issued under the National Identification System shall replace the existing identification numbers used in GSIS, SSS, COMELEC and BIR systems;

d) The existing Identification Systems of the SSS, GSIS, COMELEC and BIR shall be consolidated and integrated into the National Identification System;

e) The National Statistics Office, in the implementation of the Identification System, may seek the assistance of other government agencies including the local government units;

f) Adequate safeguards shall be provided to prevent the forgery or unauthorized issuance of identification cards.

SECTION 5. *Printing and Issuance of IDs* . -- The National Statistics Office shall take charge of the printing and issuance of the identification cards in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 6. *Penalties.* -- Any person who files an application for the registration and issuance of an identification card containing statements known by him to be false or who procures or attempts to procure an identification card for himself or for another person through fraud, or who utilizes an Identification Card other than his own, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) nor more than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or both.

SECTION 7. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the National Statistics Office under the current

General Appropriations Act. Further, such funds as may be necessary may be taken from the appropriations for identification systems of the GSIS, SSS, COMELEC and BIR. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.