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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The lack of fast and efficient communication with the National Government has always been a problem among cities and municipalities specially those in far-flung and isolated areas in the country. This barrier has always been a big set-back for these cities and municipalities and have rendered them helpless to relay their day-to-day problems and avail of the much-needed assistance from the Central Government. With such difficult situation, these cities and municipalities have always lagged behind in terms of growth and improvements.

The following bill proposes the installation of fax machine units in all cities and municipalities in the country to solve the communication barrier between the local governments and the National Government. With its implementation, it is expected that prompt and effective delivery of basic goods and services may be carried out and ultimately lead the growth and prosperity even in obscure and distant cities and municipalities all over the country.

In the light of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT  
TO INSTALL FAX MACHINE UNITS IN ALL CITIES AND  
MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be installed fax machine units in all cities and municipalities in the Philippines.

SEC. 2. The Telecommunications Office under the Department of Transportation and Communication in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government shall administer and supervise the acquisition and installation of fax machine units in all cities and municipalities in the country.

SEC. 3. Funds necessary to implement this Act shall be taken from the budget of the Department of Interior and Local Government of Interior and Local Government or from any available funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the fax machine units shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.