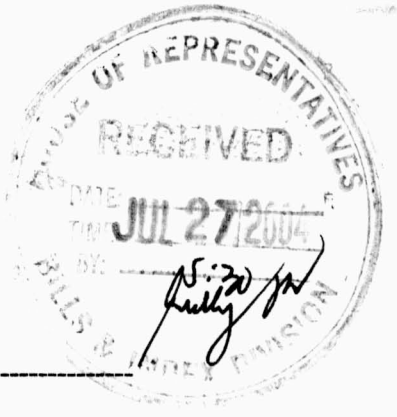
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Introduced by the **Honorable ROILO GOLEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Local Government Information Management Program to provide management information system in all local government units (LGUs) in order to strengthen further local government administration for national development.

Our experience in the devolution of powers and authority to local governments by virtue of the Local Government Code has confirmed the need for sustained support to the enhancement of local government capability for responsive and accountable governance. This need has become more urgent because the national government has increasingly tapped local governments for economic pump-priming. Needles to say, the LGUs are faced with tremendous demands for effective performance of both their local government administration and development functions.

In this context, the establishment of a Local Government Information Management Program to guide information systems development among local governments has become imperative to ensure the systematic and efficient gathering, processing and utilization of information for local development planning and implementation as well as local government administration. Such move is envisioned to rationalize and optimize existing information systems among devolved offices toward supporting local development initiatives and therefore a responsive government structure.

Moreover, a network of local management information systems will facilitate the collection of information and statistics for national development planning and policy-making. Finally, it will enhance the dissemination of trade, tourism, and investment information in support of the national government's thrust toward countryside development.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. *Title*. - This Act shall known as the Local Management Information System Act of 2004.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy*. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish efficient and responsive information management system in all local government units (LGUs) to further strengthen local government capability for development administration.

. 3. *Local Government Information Management (LOGIM)* . - For purposes of this Act, local government information management shall refer to the totality of means employed to systematically collect, process, store, present, and share information in support of local government activities. It encompasses the integrated use of information systems, computer technology and telecommunications in enhancing local government administration and achieving development objectives.

SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Local Management Information Office (LMIO)*. - The provincial and city governments shall create their respective local information management offices which shall be headed by the Local Information Technology Officer.

The establishment of the LMIO is optional for the municipal governments; *Provided*, That the organization structure and functions of the LMIO shall be provided in the implementing rules and regulations as provided in Section 10 of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Creation of and qualifications for the Position of Local Management Information Officer (LMIO)*. - The Local Management Information technology Officer shall be appointed subject to existing civil service rules and regulations.

Provided, That no person shall be appointed Local Management Information Officer unless he is a Filipino citizen, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of college degree preferably in information technology, statistics, public administration, economics, development studies or any related course from a recognized school or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have actual experience in information management or related work experience for at least two (2) years in the case of provinces or cities, and one (1) year in the case of technical qualifications set by the National Computer Center in coordination with the Civil Service Commission.

The appointment of the Local Information Technology Officer is optional for the municipal governments.

SEC. 6. *Functions and Responsibilities of the Local Information Technology Officer.* - The Local Management Information Officer shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a) Develop and implement, in coordination with the Planning and Development Coordinator and the Information Officer, information system plans and application systems that would provide the information requirements of local government executives in the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluating of national and local development plans, programs, and projects;

b) Provide technical assistance for the computerization of local government administration system for legislation, budget, property and supply, accounting, treasury, payroll, civil registration, among others, as well as for the efficient delivery of basic services;

c) Maintain database on investment, trade, tourism, and other priority development concerns, and establish linkages with national government agencies;

d) Assist local government units within his jurisdiction in setting up their information systems; and

a) Develop and establish barangay data banks.

SEC. 7 *Barangay Databanks.* - The LGU concerned shall establish barangay databanks to facilitate the collection of data and promote community participation in local government administration and community development. The LGU shall promote a community -base approach in the development of the barangay databanks. It shall, for this purpose, actively involve non-government and people's organizations in the design and establishment of the databanks.

SEC. 8. *Establishment of Regional and Provincial Statistical Coordination Officers.* - To ensure the accuracy and comparability of the data of the various local government information management systems, a Regional Statistical Coordination Staff (RSCS) in the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) central office, and Statistical Coordination Units in the regions

and provinces shall be created under the supervision and control of the NSCB. The RSCS shall supervise and coordinate the activities of the different Statistical Coordination Units which shall provide the necessary technical assistance to local governments, set standards on statistical matters, and coordinate the statistical activities of local government units.

SEC. 9. *Assistance to Local Government Units*. - To effectively implement this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the National Computer Center (NCC), in coordination with other government agencies, shall provide assistance to local government units in establishing and maintaining their information management systems. The assistance shall include initial acquisition of computer equipment and necessary software, funding support, training, management consultancy, design of the computerization programs, and other services as may be necessary to effectively attain the objectives of this Act. *Provided, however,* That such assistance shall prioritize second and lower class provinces, cities, and municipalities. *Provided, further*, That the Department may request for assistance from other government agencies and instrumentalities, including academic institutions, to enable it to effectively discharge its responsibilities under this Act. *Provided, finally*, That concerned local government units may also enter into financing schemes such as consortia, build-operate-transfer, and other similar arrangements.

SEC. 10. *Oversight Committee*. - Within one (1) month from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall convene as inter-agency oversight committee which shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Act. The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following:

a) Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government as Chairman;

b) The Managing Director of the National Computer Center as Vice-Chairman;

c) The respective Chairmen of the Senate and the House Committees on Local Government;

d) The Secretaries or Head of the Following;

1) National Economic and Development Authority;

2) Department of Budget and Management;

3) National Statistical Coordination Board; and

4) Department of Science and Technology.

e) Heads of duly-designated representatives of the following:

1) The League of Provinces;

2) The League of Cities;

3) The League of Municipalities; and

4) The Liga ng mga Barangay.

The Oversight Committee shall issue, within ninety (90) days upon its convening, the necessary implementing rules and regulations, consistent with national information technology plans and policies, to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Technical Working Group.* - A Technical Working Group shall be constituted to render technical assistance to the Oversight Committee. The Group shall be composed of duly designated representatives of the following:

a) Electronic Data Processing Service of the Department of the Interior and Local Government who shall act as coordinator;

b) Department of Finance;

c) Department of Budget and Management;

d) Department of Science and Technology;

e) Department of Transportation and Communications;

f) Commission on Audit;

g) National Computer Center;

h) National Statistical Coordination Board;

i) National Statistics Office;

j) National Mapping Resources Center;

k) Technology and Livelihood Resource Center;

l) Development Academy of the Philippines;

m) University of the Philippines System;

n) Local Government Academy, Department of the Interior and Local Government;

o) A Non-government or people's organization actively involved in community-based information systems; and

p) A professional organization of information technology practitioners.

Personnel of other government agencies may be requested to provide assistance to the Technical Working Group.

SEC. 12. *Funding.* - The amount of Twenty Seven Million Pesos (PhP 27,000,000,00) is hereby appropriated for initial implementation of this Act in three (3) pilot provinces which shall be determined by the Oversight Committee based on a set of criteria which shall be formulated for the purpose: *Provided*, That the pilot provinces shall come from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao: *Provided, further*, That the amount necessary to implement this Act in other local governments shall be funded by their respective appropriations with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the National Computer Center, the National Statistical Coordination Board, and other implementing agencies providing for the training and other technical needs: *Provided, finally*, That the DILG and/or provincial as well as city governments may generate other sources of funding such as loans, grants and donations, subject to pertinent laws and regulations.

SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 15. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after it publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,