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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Numerous legislators proposing for a unified scheme of identifying Filipinos and aliens in the country have filed several measures towards a National Identification System. The system has continuously been under scrutiny by the various sectors of society for quite some time now. Those who oppose the law fear it. Upright citizens are for it.

Given the recent turn of events and the current alarm over terrorist acts, there is a need to establish a national identification system. Moreover, it provides for an effective method of solving the perennial problem of red tape in government bureaucracy. It facilitates in the acquisition of records for a short period of time. Criminal activities are easily monitored and the perpetrators apprehended and prosecuted without delay. Public documents can now be accessed immediately for it shall contain data such as taxpayer's identification number, NBI records, driver's license, voter's identification and the like.

The national identification system shall preserve national security and make private and public transactions expedient.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS COVERAGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1 There shall be established a national identification system in the country.

Sec. 2 The Department of Interior and Local Government shall be the lead agency in establishing a national identification system in coordination with the National Statistics Office, the Department of Justice, the Commission on Elections, the Department of Transportation and Communications, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the National Computer Center.

Sec. 3 Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the DILG shall, together with the agencies concerned, formulate the rules, regulations and guidelines in the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4 All citizens, upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years, shall apply for registration and issuance of a national identification card at the local civil registrar of the city or municipality where he resides. Likewise, all those who are already eighteen years old and above upon effectivity of this law shall apply for a national identification card in their respective local civil registrars.

Sec. 5 It shall be mandatory for all citizens, upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years to apply for a social security number in furtherance of this act. The national identification card shall be linked to the existing framework of the social security system.

Sec. 6 The national identification card shall include a permanent serial number, which shall be non-transferable, even after the bearer's death.

Sec. 7 The national identification card shall include particulars such as name, address, birthdate, voter's identification number, SSS or GSIS Number, tax identification number (if bearer is a tax payer), driver's license number (if bearer drives a vehicle), passport number (if bearer is a passport holder) and all other information necessary in private and public transactions.

Sec. 8 Any person who has failed to register or who has included false information in his application form shall be punished by a fine of ten thousand pesos (P 10,000.00) and imprisonment for one (1) year.

Sec. 9 The national identification card shall be free of charge and shall be issued to every Filipino citizen in the cities and municipalities where they reside.

Sec. 10 The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged to the internal revenue allotment of local government units. Thereafter, such amount necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 11 All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 12 This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.