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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Time is Gold" Time is an essential component of social, political and economic activity of every individual.

Notwithstanding this, there exists confusion with regard to an official time. This may be attributed to the lack of a standard source of the measurement of time. Some countries like England have the Tower of London or "Big Ben" that tells the official and exact time in the city.

In the Philippines, individuals and entities have their own interpretation and conversion of time, thus resulting in delay or tardiness. The consequences of this lead to great losses in finances and various opportunities. Worse, there exists a social concept called "Filipino Time" which defines the attitude of Filipinos toward their failure to give importance to respect of time and being on time. Such a concept does not reflect a good image.

It is in this regard that this bill seeks to establish a national official time and to synchronize the time source of all entities and individuals, in order to guide them of the exact time accordingly.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL OFFICIAL TIME AND
SYNCHRONIZING THE TIME SOURCE OF ALL ENTITIES AND
INDIVIDUALS**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Time Synchronization Act".

Section 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the state to accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development (1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 17).

Section 3. A standard and synchronized time shall be set in order to guide individuals and entities of the national official time.

Section 4. The Department of Science and Technology through the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) shall set the standard time based on scientific findings.

Section 5. The standard time set by the DOST through PAGASA shall henceforth be the Philippines' official time.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED. _____

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