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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1869

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on 15 FEB 2012

Re: House Bill No. 5854

Recommending its approval, in substitution to House Bill Nos. 654, 2124, 3435 and 3965

Sponsors: Representatives Al Francis C. Bichara, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
Pedro P. Romualdo and Erico B. Aumentado

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which were referred House Bill No. 654 introduced by Representatives Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, Eduardo R. Gullas and Marcelino R. Teodoro entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 2010" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 2124 introduced by Representatives Pedro P. Romualdo, Mei Senen S. Sarmiento and Nelson L. Dayanghirang entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 3435 introduced by Rep. Al Francis C. Bichara, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

and House Bill No. 3965 introduced by Rep. Erico B. Aumentado, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING A VOTER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

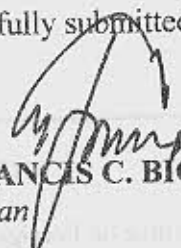
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 5854, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE AND PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO TRAVEL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

be approved/adopted in substitution of House Bill Nos. 654, 2124, 3435 and 3965

and with Reps. Al Francis C. Bichara, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, Pedro P. Romualdo, Mel Senen S. Sarmiento, Erico B. Aumentado, Eduardo R. Gullas, Marcelino R. Teodoro, Nelson L. Dayanghirang, George P. Arnaiz, Rodel M. Batocabe, Walden P. Bello, Julieta R. Cortuna, Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisolago, Victor F. Ortega, Carlos M. Padilla, Arthur C. Yap, and Jose F. Zubiri III as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA
Chairman

The Honorable Speaker
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House Bill No. 5854

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA, JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA, BERNADETTE R. HERRERA-DY, PEDRO P. ROMUALDO, MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO, ERICO B. AUMENTADO, EDGARDO R. GULLAS, MARCELINO R. TEODORO, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG, GEORGE P. ARNAIZ, RODEL M. BATOCABE, WALDEN F. BELLO, JULIETA R. CORTUNA, VINCENT "BINGBONG" P. CRISOLOGO, FRANCISCO VICTOR F. ORTEGA, CARLOS M. PADILLA, ARTHUR C. YAP and JOSE F. ZUBIRI III

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE AND PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO TRAVEL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8239, otherwise known as
2 the "*Philippine Passport Act of 1996*" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "*SEC. 1. Short Title. — This Act [will] SHALL be called [as] the "[Philippine*
4 *Passport Act of 1996] REVISED PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 2012.*"

1 **SEC. 2.** Section 2 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 “**SEC. 2. Statement of Policy.** — The people's constitutional right to travel is
3 inviolable. Accordingly, the government has the duty to issue passports **USING**
4 **TAMPER PROOF AND LATEST DATA MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY AS MUCH**
5 **AS PRACTICABLE** or any travel document to any citizen of the Philippines or
6 individual who complies with the requirement of this Act. The right to travel may be
7 impaired only when national security, public safety, or public health requires. To
8 enhance and protect the unimpaired exercise of this right, only minimum
9 requirements for the application and issuance of passports and other travel
10 documents shall be prescribed. Action on such application and the issuance shall be
11 expedited.”

12 **SEC. 3.** Section 3, subsections (e) and (g) of the same Act are hereby
13 amended to read as follows:

14 “**SEC. 3. Definitions.** — As used in this Act:

15 (a) *Department* means the Department of Foreign Affairs;

16 (b) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Foreign Affairs;

17 (c) *Post* means a Philippine diplomatic and consular post such as an
18 Embassy or Consulate;

19 (d) *Passport* means a document issued by the Philippine government to its
20 citizens and requesting other governments to allow its citizens to pass safely and
21 freely, and in case of need to give him/her all lawful aid and protection;

22 (e) *Travel Document* means a certification or identifying document containing
23 the description and other personal circumstances of its bearer, issued for direct
24 travel to and from the Philippines valid for short periods or a particular trip. It is
25 issued only to persons whose claim to Philippine citizenship is doubtful or who fall
26 under the category enumerated in [Section 13] **SECTION 14** of this Act;

1 f) *Supporting Documents* mean [any] paper~~S~~ or document~~S~~ which is required
2 to be submitted with the passport application supporting claims to Filipino citizenship
3 to complete the application for a passport without which such application would be
4 deemed incomplete or otherwise become subject to denial by the issuing authority;

5 g) *Ambassadors* mean those who have been appointed as chiefs of mission
6 and have served as Ambassador~~S~~ Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary."

7 **SEC. 4.** Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 "SEC. 4. *Authority to Issue, Deny [Restrict] or Cancel.* — Upon the
9 application of any qualified Filipino citizen, the Secretary [of Foreign Affairs] or any
10 [of his] authorized consular officer may issue passports in accordance with this Act.

11 Philippine consular officers in a foreign country shall be authorized by the
12 Secretary to issue, verify, [restrict,] cancel or [refuse] **DENY ISSUANCE OF** a
13 passport in the area of jurisdiction of the Post in accordance with the provisions of
14 this Act.

15 In the interest of national security, public safety [and] **OR** public health, the
16 Secretary or any [of the] authorized consular officers may, after due hearing and in
17 their proper discretion, [refuse to issue a passport, or restrict its use or withdraw]
18 **DENY ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT**, or cancel a passport: *Provided,*
19 *however,* That such act shall not mean a loss **OF** or doubt on the person's
20 citizenship: *Provided, further,* That the issuance of a passport may not be denied if
21 the safety and interest of the Filipino citizen is at stake: *Provided, finally,* That
22 [refusal] **DENIAL OF ISSUANCE** or cancellation of a passport would not prevent the
23 issuance of a Travel Document to allow for a safe return journey by a Filipino to the
24 Philippines."

25 **SEC. 5.** Section 5 subsections (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) of the same Act
26 are hereby amended and new subsections to be designated as subsections (j), (k)
27 and (l) are hereby added to read as follows:

1 “SEC. 5. *Requirements for the Issuance of Passport.* — No passport shall be
2 issued to an applicant unless the Secretary or [his] A duly authorized representative
3 is satisfied that the applicant is a Filipino citizen who has complied with the following
4 requirements:

5 (a) A duly accomplished application form and photographs of such number,
6 size and style as may be prescribed by the Department;

7 [(b) The birth certificate duly issued or authenticated by the Office of the Civil
8 Registrar General: *Provided, however,* That if the birth of the applicant has not been
9 registered yet, or if his birth certificate is destroyed, damaged, or not available due to
10 other causes, he shall apply for delayed registration of his birth with the Office of the
11 Civil Registrar General which shall issue to said applicant a certification of pending
12 application for delayed registration of birth attaching thereto a copy of an
13 accomplished certificate of live birth. Such certification and the accomplished
14 certificate of live birth shall be sufficient to support an application for passport in
15 addition to other papers which the Department may require from the applicant;]

16 **(B) THE APPLICANT'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN SECURITY PAPER**
17 **ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO) OR CERTIFIED TRUE**
18 **COPY (CTC) OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY**
19 **OFFICE (LCRO) DULY AUTHENTICATED BY THE NSO: *PROVIDED,* THAT IF**
20 **THE BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED YET, OR IF**
21 **SUCH BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS DESTROYED, DAMAGED, OR NOT AVAILABLE**
22 **DUE TO OTHER CAUSES, THE APPLICANT SHALL APPLY FOR DELAYED**
23 **REGISTRATION OF BIRTH WITH THE LCRO WHERE THE APPLICANT WAS**
24 **BORN. UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DELAYED**
25 **REGISTRATION OF BIRTH, THE LCRO SHALL ISSUE TO SAID APPLICANT A**
26 **CERTIFICATION OF PENDING APPLICATION FOR DELAYED REGISTRATION**
27 **OF BIRTH ATTACHING THERETO A COPY OF AN ACCOMPLISHED**
28 **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF DELAYED**
29 **REGISTRATION. SUCH CERTIFICATION AND THE ACCOMPLISHED**
30 **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT AN**
31 **APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT IN ADDITION TO OTHER PAPERS, WHICH THE**
32 **DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE FROM THE APPLICANT SUCH AS**

1 **CERTIFICATION OF NO PRIOR REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATION OF**
2 **PREVIOUS BIRTH REGISTRATION FROM THE NSO**

3 (c) In the absence of a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate for those who
4 are members of a Christian religious organization, or similar or equivalent certificate
5 issued by a non-Christian religious group, attesting to the applicant's having been
6 admitted to such religious group or sect at an early age and where it is indicated that
7 the applicant is a Filipino citizen, which should be accompanied by a joint affidavit by
8 two (2) persons who have personal knowledge of the applicant and of such age as to
9 credibly state the applicant's date and place of birth, citizenship, and names of
10 parents: *Provided*, That Filipinos who do not [believe in any religion] **BELONG TO**
11 **ANY RELIGIOUS GROUP OR SECT** and whose parents for any reason failed to
12 have the said applicant baptized shall be exempted from the baptismal certificate
13 requirement: *Provided, further*, That in lieu thereof, the applicant shall execute an
14 affidavit to that effect duly corroborated by affidavit of at least two (2) persons of
15 good reputation who personally know such fact;

16 [(d) In case of a woman who is married, separated, divorced or widowed or
17 whose marriage has been annulled or declared by court as void, a copy of the
18 certificate of marriage, court decree of separation, divorce or annulment or certificate
19 of death of the deceased spouse duly issued and authenticated by the Office of the
20 Civil Registrar General: *Provided*, That in case of a divorce decree, annulment or
21 declaration of marriage as void, the woman applicant may revert to the use of her
22 maiden name: *Provided, further*, That such divorce is recognized under existing laws
23 of the Philippines;]

24 **(D) IF THE APPLICANT IS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, A**
25 **VOTER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OR THE APPLICANT'S VOTER'S ID**
26 **OR AFFIDAVIT DULY ISSUED OR AUTHENTICATED BY THE COMMISSION ON**
27 **ELECTIONS IN THE LOCALITY WHERE THE APPLICANT IS A REGISTERED**
28 **VOTER;**

29 [(e) In the case of naturalized citizens, a certified copy of the naturalization
30 certificate; or a certified naturalization certificate of husband or parent duly issued

1 and authenticated by the Office of the Civil Registrar General if citizenship is claimed
2 through naturalization of spouse or parent;]

3 (E) A MARRIED WOMAN WHO OPTS TO ADOPT THE SURNAME OF HER
4 HUSBAND MUST PRESENT A LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY COPY OF HER
5 MARRIAGE CONTRACT DULY AUTHENTICATED BY THE NSO: *PROVIDED*,
6 THAT A MARRIED WOMAN WHO WAS WIDOWED OR DIVORCED IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 26 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 209, AS
8 AMENDED BY EO NO. 227, *THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES OF 1988*
9 OR UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (PD) NO. 1083, *THE CODE OF MUSLIM*
10 *PERSONAL LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES*, OR WHOSE MARRIAGE WAS
11 ANNULLED OR DECLARED BY A COURT OF LAW AS VOID, AND WHO OPTS
12 TO REVERT TO THE USE OF HER MAIDEN NAME MUST PRESENT THE DEATH
13 CERTIFICATE OF HER SPOUSE ISSUED BY THE NSO OR CTC OF DEATH
14 CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE LCRO DULY AUTHENTICATED BY THE NSO OR
15 CTC OF THE DIVORCE DECREE, COURT DECREE OF ANNULMENT OR
16 DECLARATION OF NULLITY SHOWING DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE AS
17 RECOGNIZED BY PHILIPPINE COURTS AND DULY REGISTERED AT THE NSO
18 OR LCRO;

19 [(f) For an applicant who has not reached the age of majority, an affidavit of
20 consent from a parent as indicated in the passport application if the minor is traveling
21 with either parent, and a clearance from the Department of Social Welfare and
22 Development, if the minor is traveling with a legal guardian or a person other than a
23 parent;]

24 (F) IN THE CASE OF NATURALIZED CITIZENS, A COPY OF THE
25 NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE, DULY REGISTERED BY LCRO AND
26 AUTHENTICATED BY THE NSO: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN THE CASE OF
27 DERIVATIVE NATURALIZATION, THE APPLICANT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
28 PRESENT THE COPY OF THE NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE OF THE
29 PARENT OR SPOUSE DULY ISSUED BY THE NSO OR CTC OF
30 NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE LCRO DULY
31 AUTHENTICATED BY THE NSO;

1 [(g) If the applicant is an adopted person, the duly certified copy of court order
2 of adoption, together with the original and amended birth certificates duly issued and
3 authenticated by the Office of the Civil Registrar General shall be
4 presented: *Provided*, That in case the adopted person is an infant or a minor or the
5 applicant is for adoption by foreign parents, an authority from the Department of
6 Social Welfare and Development shall be required: *Provided, further*, That the
7 adopting foreign parents shall also submit a certificate from their embassy or
8 consulate that they are qualified to adopt such infant or minor child;]

9 **(G) APPLICATIONS FILED BY MINOR PASSPORT APPLICANTS MAY BE**
10 **PROCESSED ONLY UPON THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF EITHER**
11 **PARENT: *PROVIDED*, THAT IF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE MINOR'S**
12 **PARENTS FILES THE APPLICATION, A SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY (SPA)**
13 **DULY EXECUTED BY EITHER OR BOTH PARENTS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR**
14 **THIS PURPOSE: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT IN THE CASE OF AN**
15 **ABANDONED, NEGLECTED, DEPENDENT OR SURRENDERED CHILD, A**
16 **CERTIFICATION DECLARING THE CHILD AS LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR**
17 **ADOPTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND**
18 **DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) AND AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT EXECUTED BY THE**
19 **LEGAL GUARDIAN OR THE DSWD MUST BE PRESENTED;**

20 [(h) In case of discrepancy between the applicant's name in the birth
21 certificate and in any other private documents, the former shall prevail over the latter
22 unless by operation of law or through court order, the applicant is permitted to use
23 name other than what is officially recorded in the Civil Register; and]

24 **(H) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ADOPTEE OF ALIEN PARENTS UNDER RA**
25 **NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION ACT OF**
26 **1995," THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE PRESENTED:**

27 **1. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DECREE OF ABANDONMENT OF**
28 **THE CHILD;**

29 **2. DEED OF VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT (DVC) EXECUTED BY**
30 **EITHER PARENT AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD; AND**

1 3. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF CERTIFICATION DECLARING A
2 CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION ISSUED BY THE
3 DSWD PURSUANT TO RA NO. 9523, ENTITLED: "AN ACT
4 REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO DECLARE
6 A 'CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION' AS A
7 PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING
8 FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC
9 ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DOMESTIC
10 ADOPTION ACT OF 1998,' REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8043,
11 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION
12 ACT OF 1995,' PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE
13 KNOWN AS THE 'CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE,' AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

15 *PROVIDED*, THAT THE AUTHENTICATED BIRTH CERTIFICATE,
16 PLACEMENT AUTHORITY AND FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHILD TO
17 THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION BOARD (ICAB) BY THE DSWD MUST
18 ALSO BE PRESENTED.

19 IF THE APPLICANT IS A MINOR TO BE ADOPTED BY A NON-FILIPINO
20 RELATIVE OR A RELATIVE MARRIED TO A NON-FILIPINO NATIONAL, THE
21 APPLICANT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS UNDER
22 RA NO. 8043:

23 1. DEED OF VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT EXECUTED BY ANY
24 OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 i. BOTH THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS OR THE LEGAL
26 GUARDIANS FOR A LEGITIMATE CHILD;

27 ii. BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR AN
28 ILLEGITIMATE CHILD; OR

1 iii. DEED OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT BY THE DSWD
2 FOR THE ABANDONED OR NEGLECTED CHILD;

3 2. DOCUMENTS ENDORSED BY THE DSWD FIELD OFFICER;

4 3. PLACEMENT AUTHORITY ISSUED BY ICAB;

5 4. TRAVEL CLEARANCE ISSUED BY ICAB; AND

6 5. CERTIFICATE OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT (CIP) ISSUED
7 BY ICAB.

8 IF THE APPLICANT IS A MINOR TO BE ADOPTED BY A NON-
9 RELATIVE WHO IS NOT A FILIPINO CITIZEN, THE APPLICANT SHALL
10 PRESENT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS UNDER RA NO. 8043:

11 1. DSWD CERTIFICATE DECLARING THE CHILD LEGALLY
12 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION;

13 2. INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION CLEARANCE ISSUED BY
14 DSWD;

15 3. PLACEMENT AUTHORITY ISSUED BY ICAB;

16 4. TRAVEL CLEARANCE ISSUED BY DSWD; AND

17 5. CERTIFICATE OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT (CIP) ISSUED
18 BY ICAB.

19 (i) THE APPLICANT'S NAME IN THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHALL
20 PREVAIL OVER THAT APPEARING IN ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
21 DOCUMENT IN CASE OF DISCREPANCY, UNLESS BY OPERATION OF LAW
22 OR THROUGH COURT ORDER, THE APPLICANT IS PERMITTED TO USE A
23 NAME OTHER THAN WHAT IS OFFICIALLY RECORDED IN THE NSO OR
24 LCRO;

1 (J) If the applicant is a government employee, the travel authority issued by
2 the head of department, agency or office may be required only if said applicant is
3 applying for an official passport.

4 (K) IN THE CASE OF THOSE WHO HAVE REACQUIRED THEIR
5 PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER RA NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
6 "CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003" AND OTHER
7 EXISTING LAWS, THE APPLICANT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE PRESCRIBED
9 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE;

10 2. IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY APPROPRIATE
11 AGENCIES; AND

12 3. SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR
13 REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORT;

14 (L) MUSLIM FILIPINOS, TRAVELING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAJ, WHO
15 ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE
16 OF A REGULAR PASSPORT, MAY BE ISSUED A PASSPORT VALID FOR
17 THREE (3) MONTHS AND FOR ONE (1) TRIP ONLY UPON COMPLIANCE WITH
18 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

19 1. ENDORSEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS
20 WHICH ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION AND
21 SIGNS A PERSONAL GUARANTEE FORM; AND

22 2. JOINT AFFIDAVIT OF TWO (2) DISINTERESTED PERSONS WHO
23 ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE BIRTH DETAILS OF THE
24 APPLICANTS.

25 A HAJ PASSPORT IS NON-RENEWABLE AND MAY NOT BE USED AS A
26 BASIS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A REGULAR PASSPORT."

27 SEC. 6. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 “SEC. 6. *Application.* — [The application may be filed by:] A PERSON
2 APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT, EITHER FOR THE FIRST TIME OR FOR THE
3 RENEWAL OF A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PASSPORT, MAY BE REQUIRED TO
4 APPEAR IN PERSON FOR PHOTO AND DATA CAPTURING.

5 [(a) The application himself or herself; or

6 (b) The parent or legal guardian on behalf of an applicant who is below the
7 age of majority.

8 In case of first time applicants, the applicant must present himself/herself in
9 person to prove that he or she is the same person and of the age claimed in the
10 application form. In case of renewal the application may be filed by any licensed
11 travel agency duly accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs: *Provided, That*
12 the agent shall be responsible for the authenticity or bona fide of the supporting
13 documents being presented to meet the requirements for the application of
14 passports.]

15 THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY ASSIST AN APPLICANT WHO
16 IS A MINOR.

17 AN APPLICANT WHO IS ILLITERATE, PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR A
18 SENIOR CITIZEN MAY BE ASSISTED BY A RELATIVE WITHIN THE FOURTH
19 CIVIL DEGREE BY AFFINITY OR CONSANGUINITY OR BY ANY ONE
20 BELONGING TO THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.

21 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SPECIAL PROCEDURE TO
22 FACILITATE THE PASSPORT APPLICATION OF ILLITERATE, PHYSICALLY
23 DISABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS.

24 AN APPLICANT MAY ALSO BE ASSISTED BY ANY LICENSED TRAVEL
25 OR RECRUITMENT AGENCY DULY ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1 IN THE CASE OF A PASSPORT APPLICATION FILED BY A
2 RECRUITMENT OR TRAVEL AGENCY OR PASSPORT- RELATED SERVICE
3 PROVIDER DULY ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE AGENT SHALL
4 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE SUPPORTING
5 DOCUMENTS SECURED AND PRESENTED BY THE AGENT TO MEET THE
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF PASSPORTS.

7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE
8 ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE IMPLEMENTING
9 RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) FORMULATED TO ENFORCE THIS LAW."

10 SEC. 7. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended and new subsections
11 designated as subsections (a.10), (a.11), and (a.12) are hereby added to read as
12 follows:

13 "SEC. 7. *Types of Passports.* — The Secretary or the authorized
14 representative or consular officer may issue the following types of passports:

15 (a) Diplomatic passports [for] **ARE ISSUED TO** persons [imbued] with
16 diplomatic status or **WHO** are on diplomatic mission such as:

17 1. The President and former Presidents of the Republic of the
18 Philippines;

19 2. The Vice-President and former Vice-Presidents of the Republic of
20 the Philippines;

21 3. The Senate President, [and] the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, **AND FORMER SENATE PRESIDENTS AND**
23 **SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE**
24 **CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES;**

25 4. The Chief Justice, **ASSOCIATE JUSTICES** of the Supreme Court
26 **AND THE PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS;**

1 5. The [Cabinet Secretaries] **SECRETARY**, [and the]
2 Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries of the Department of
3 Foreign Affairs;

4 6. [Ambassadors, Foreign Service Officers of all ranks in the career
5 diplomatic service; Attaches, and members of their families]
6 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE SECRETARY OF THE**
7 **SENATE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HOUSE**
8 **OF REPRESENTATIVES;**

9 7. [Members of the Congress when on official mission abroad or as
10 delegates to international conferences] **THE SECRETARIES OF**
11 **ALL THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH;**

12 8. [The Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and delegates to
13 international or regional conferences when on official mission or
14 accorded full powers by the President; and] **AMBASSADORS**
15 **EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE**
16 **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES;**

17 9. [Spouses and unmarried minor-children of the above-mentioned
18 officials when accompanying or following to join them in an official
19 mission abroad.] **CHIEFS OF MISSION, FOREIGN SERVICE**
20 **OFFICERS OF ALL RANKS IN THE CAREER DIPLOMATIC**
21 **SERVICE, INCLUDING DESIGNATED ATTACHES FROM THE**
22 **DEPARTMENT AND ATTACHED AGENCIES OF THE**
23 **GOVERNMENT;**

24 10. **THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG**
25 **PILIPINAS**

26 11. **OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL**
27 **CONFERENCES ACCORDED FULL POWERS BY THE**
28 **PRESIDENT; AND**

12. SPOUSES AND UNMARRIED MINOR-CHILDREN OF THE
ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICIALS WHEN ACCOMPANYING
OR FOLLOWING TO JOIN THEM IN AN OFFICIAL MISSION
ABROAD.

The President of the Philippines [and] **OR** the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs may grant diplomatic passports to officials and persons other than those enumerated herein who are on official mission abroad **AND ARE GRANTED FULL POWERS BY THE PRESIDENT.**

(b) Official PassportS ARE [to be] issued to all government officials and employees on official trip abroad but who are not on diplomatic mission or [delegates to international or regional conferences or] have not been accorded diplomatic status such as:

1. Undersecretaries, [and] Assistant Secretaries of the Cabinet other than the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Justices **OF THE COURT OF APPEALS** and other members of the Judiciary, [members of the Congress] **THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES OF THE SENATE AND DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, and all other government officials and employees travelling on [official business and] official time;

2. Staff officers and employees of the Department [of Foreign Affairs] assigned to diplomatic and consular posts and officers and representatives of other government departments and agencies assigned abroad;

3. Persons in the domestic service and household members of officials assigned to diplomatic or consular posts **NOT EXCEEDING TWO (2): PROVIDED, THAT AN INCREASE IN DOMESTIC SERVICE AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF**

1 SUCH OFFICIALS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE
2 SECRETARY; AND

3 4. Spouse[s] and [unmarried] minor children, [of the officials
4 mentioned above when accompanying or following to join
5 them.] **INCLUDING UNMARRIED CHILDREN WHO ARE OF**
6 **AGE BUT DEPENDENT ON THE STAFF OFFICERS AND**
7 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED TO**
8 **DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR POSTS AND OFFICES AND**
9 **REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**
10 **ASSIGNED ABROAD, WHEN ACCOMPANYING OR**
11 **FOLLOWING TO JOIN THEM.**

12 (c) Regular PassportS **ARE** issued to Filipino citizens who are not eligible or
13 entitled to diplomatic or official passports, including government officials or
14 employees going abroad for pleasure or other personal reasons. Government
15 officials and employees and members of their families may, during their incumbency
16 in office, hold two passports simultaneously: (1) a regular passport for private travel;
17 (2) a diplomatic or official passport when travelling abroad on diplomatic or official
18 business. The [wife] **SPOUSE** and minor children of persons entitled to a diplomatic
19 or official passportS shall be issued regular passports, if they are not accompanying
20 or following to join them."

21 **SEC. 8.** Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended with subsection (a.4)
22 re-numbered as (a.7); subsections (a.4), (a.5), (a.6), (b.4), and (b.5) hereby added;
23 and subsection (c) hereby deleted to read as follows:

24 "SEC. 8. *Grounds for Denial [.]* **OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR**
25 **Cancellation [or Restrictions] OF PASSPORT.** — The application for passport may
26 be denied **[.] OR A DULY ISSUED PASSPORT MAY BE** cancelled [or restricted]
27 only on the following grounds:

28 (a) Denial of **ISSUANCE OF** Passport. — **THE ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT**
29 **MAY BE DENIED ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:**

1 1. [On orders of the court, after due notice and hearing, to hold the
2 departure of an applicant because of a pending criminal case]
3 **VIOLATION BY THE APPLICANT OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS**
4 **OF THIS ACT;**

5 2. [When so requested by the natural or legal guardian, if the applicant
6 is a minor] **ON ORDERS OF THE COURT, AFTER DUE NOTICE**
7 **AND HEARING, TO WITHHOLD THE PROCESSING OF A**
8 **PASSPORT;**

9 3. [When the applicant has been found to have violated any of the
10 provisions of this Act] **WHEN THE APPLICANT IS A FUGITIVE**
11 **FROM JUSTICE: PROVIDED, THAT THE APPLICANT BECOMES**
12 **ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A NEW PASSPORT AFTER**
13 **SUBMITTING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT;**

14 4. **WHEN THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN CONVICTED BY FINAL**
15 **JUDGMENT OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE: PROVIDED, THAT THE**
16 **APPLICANT BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A NEW**
17 **PASSPORT AFTER THE SERVICE OF SENTENCE OR THE**
18 **GRANT OF PROBATION, CONDITIONAL OR ABSOLUTE**
19 **PARDON, OR AMNESTY;**

20 5. **WHEN SO REQUESTED BY THE PARENT EXERCISING**
21 **PARENTAL AUTHORITY OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, IF THE**
22 **APPLICANT IS A MINOR: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A**
23 **COURT ORDER SHALL BE REQUIRED WHEN BOTH PARENTS**
24 **EXERCISE PARENTAL AUTHORITY BUT ONE DOES NOT**
25 **AGREE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT TO THE MINOR;**

26 6. **UPON LAWFUL ORDER OF THE SECRETARY WHEN DEEMED**
27 **NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY,**
28 **PUBLIC SAFETY OR PUBLIC HEALTH; AND**

1 [4] 7. SUCH OTHER DISQUALIFICATIONS UNDER EXISTING
2 LAWS.

3 (b) Cancellation OF PASSPORT— PASSPORTS MAY BE CANCELLED
4 ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

5 1. When the holder is a fugitive from justice[:]; **PROVIDED, THAT**
6 **THE APPLICANT BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A NEW**
7 **PASSPORT AFTER SUBMITTING TO THE JURISDICTION OF**
8 **THE COURT;**

9 2. When the holder has been convicted **BY A FINAL JUDGMENT** of a
10 criminal offense: *Provided*, That the [passport may be restored after
11 service of sentence; or] **HOLDER BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO**
12 **APPLY FOR A NEW PASSPORT AFTER THE SERVICE OF**
13 **SENTENCE OR THE GRANT OF PROBATION, CONDITIONAL**
14 **OR ABSOLUTE PARDON OR AMNESTY;**

15 3. [When a passport was acquired fraudulently or tampered with.]
16 **UPON FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OR THE AUTHORIZED**
17 **REPRESENTATIVE OR CONSULAR OFFICER THAT A**
18 **PASSPORT HAD BEEN ACQUIRED UNDER ANY OF THE**
19 **FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

20 i. **FICTITIOUS NAME, FALSE NAME, ALIAS OR NICKNAME**
21 **WAS USED IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS AND**
22 **EXECUTIVE ORDERS;**

23 ii. **FALSE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT**
24 **PERSONAL DETAILS WAS PROVIDED IN THE**
25 **APPLICATION;**

26 iii. **FAKE DOCUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO SUPPORT**
27 **THE APPLICATION;**

1 4. UPON FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OR THE AUTHORIZED
2 REPRESENTATIVE OR CONSULAR OFFICER THAT A
3 PASSPORT HAD BEEN TAMPERED SUBSEQUENT TO ITS
4 RELEASE OR ISSUANCE; OR

5 5. UPON ORDER OF THE SECRETARY WHEN DEEMED
6 NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY,
7 PUBLIC SAFETY OR PUBLIC HEALTH.

8 ALL PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT
9 CONTAIN ANY MARKING, ANNOTATION OR STAMP PERTAINING TO TRAVEL
10 RESTRICTIONS. LIMITATION OF TRAVEL SHALL BE ADMINISTERED
11 THROUGH TRAVEL ADVISORIES OR ANY OTHER MEANS WHICH DOES NOT
12 NECESSITATE MARKING OR STAMPING OF PASSPORTS.

13 [(c) Restricted

14 1. When the country of destination is in a state of political instability which
15 could pose a danger to the Filipino traveler.

16 2. When diplomatic ties have been fractured or severed with the
17 Philippines;

18 3. When the country of destination is subject to travel restriction by
19 government policy, enforcement of action by the United Nations or in a state of
20 war.]"

21 SEC. 9. A new Section 9 is hereby added to read as follows:

22 "SECTION 9. SPECIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY (SBI) — THE DEPARTMENT
23 MOTU PROPRIO OR UPON RECEIPT OF ANY VERIFIED COMPLAINT THAT
24 SHALL NECESSITATE CANCELLATION OF PASSPORT, SHALL SUMMON THE
25 PASSPORT HOLDER WHO SHALL BE GIVEN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS UPON

1 RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT TO REPLY AND SUBMIT SUCH PROOF TO
2 CONTRAVENE THE COMPLAINT.

3 A SPECIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY (SBI) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE
4 SECRETARY IS HEREBY CREATED TO HANDLE AND ADJUDICATE THE
5 COMPLAINTS FOR CANCELLATION OF PASSPORT. THE SBI SHALL BE
6 COMPOSED OF MEMBERS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, THE
7 OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, THE OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND
8 FROM SUCH OTHER OFFICES WHICH THE SECRETARY MAY DEEM
9 NECESSARY: *PROVIDED*, THAT SBI SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVEN (7)
10 MEMBERS.

11 THE SBI SHALL OBSERVE SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS IN
12 ADJUDICATING THE COMPLAINT: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH SUMMARY
13 PROCEEDINGS RESOLVE THE COMPLAINT IN NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30)
14 WORKING DAYS UPON SUBMISSION OF THE PASSPORT HOLDER'S REPLY
15 TO SUCH COMPLAINT.

16 AN APPLICANT WHOSE PASSPORT HAS BEEN CANCELLED UPON THE
17 DECISION OF THE SBI MAY FILE FOR ITS REISSUANCE UPON CLEARANCE
18 BY THE SBI."

19 **SEC. 10.** Section 9 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
20 read as follows:

21 "SEC. [9] 10. *Appeal.* — Any person who [feels] **WAS** aggrieved as a result
22 of the application of this Act **OR** of the implementing rules and regulations (**IRR**)
23 issued by the Secretary shall have the right to appeal to the Secretary [of Foreign
24 Affairs from] whose decision [judicial review] may be [had to] **REVIEWED BY** the
25 Court[s in due course]."

26 **SEC. 11.** Section 10 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
27 read as follows:

1 "SEC. [10] 11. *Validity.* — Regular passports issued under this Act shall be
2 valid for a period of five (5) **OR TEN (10)** years [1]. [*Provided, however, That the*
3 *issuing authority may limit the period of validity to less than five (5) years; whenever*
4 *in the national economic interest or political stability of the country such restriction is*
5 *necessary: Provided, finally, That a new passport may be issued to replace one*
6 *which validity has expired, the old passport being returned to the holder after*
7 *cancellation.*]

8 **THE PASSPORT APPLICANT SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO APPLY FOR**
9 **A FIVE (5)-YEAR OR A TEN (10)-YEAR PASSPORT: PROVIDED, THAT MINOR**
10 **APPLICANTS SHALL BE ISSUED PASSPORTS VALID ONLY FOR FIVE (5)**
11 **YEARS: PROVIDED FUTHER, THAT THE SECRETARY OR THE DULY**
12 **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR CONSULAR OFFICER SHALL HAVE THE**
13 **AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF A PHILIPPINE PASSPORT IF**
14 **DEEMED NECESSARY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS OR IN THE INTEREST**
15 **OF NATIONAL SECURITY, PUBLIC SAFETY OR PUBLIC HEALTH. THE**
16 **EXTENSION PERIOD OF THE PASSPORT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO (2)**
17 **YEARS AND MAY BE AVAILED OF ONLY ONCE."**

18 **SEC. 12.** Section 11 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
19 read as follows:

20 "Sec. [11] 12. *Ownership of Passports.* — A Philippine passport remains at
21 all times the property of the Government, the holder being a mere possessor thereof
22 as long as it is valid and the same may not be surrendered to any person or entity
23 other than the government or its representative: *Provided, That [a] THE PASSPORT*
24 **OF ANY** Filipino citizen may **BE** voluntarily surrenderedED [his/her passport to a
25 Philippine Service] **TO ANY** Post for storage and safekeeping for which a proper
26 receipt shall be issued for **PRESENTATION [use]** when reclaiming the passport at a
27 later date."

28 **SEC. 13.** Section 12 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
29 read as follows:

1 "SEC. [12] 13. *Names and Titles.* — The passport shall contain the full name
2 of the applicant, but shall not include [his] **ANY** title, [or titles or] profession or job
3 description. If an applicant's name is changed by order of the court, a certified copy
4 of the court order or decree shall be submitted together with the birth certificate or
5 old passport on application."

6 **SEC. 14.** Section 13 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
7 read as follows:

8 "Sec. [13] 14. *Travel Documents.* — A travel document, in lieu of a passport,
9 may be issued to:

10 (a) A Filipino citizen returning to the Philippines [who for one reason or
11 another has lost his/her] **OR ON EMERGENCY TRAVEL TO ANOTHER**
12 **DESTINATION, WHOSE** passport **WAS LOST** or **WHO** cannot be issued a regular
13 passport;

14 (b) A Filipino citizen being sent back to the Philippines;

15 (c) An alien spouse of a Filipino and [their] **THE** dependents who have not yet
16 been naturalized as [a] Filipino**S** [and] who are travelling to the Philippines or [is a]
17 permanent resident**S** of the Philippines;

18 (d) Aliens permanently residing in the Philippines who are not able to obtain
19 foreign passport**S** and other travel documents;

20 (e) A stateless person who is likewise a permanent resident or a refugee
21 granted such status or asylum in the Philippines."

22 **SEC. 15.** Section 14 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
23 read as follows:

24 "Sec. [14] 15. *Amendments.* — A passport may be amended at the request of
25 the holder for any [lawful] **OF THE FOLLOWING** purpose**S** [,: [but such

1 amendment should be approved by the Secretary or his duly authorized diplomatic
2 or consular officers.

3 Diplomatic and official passports shall be submitted for revalidation before
4 each departure of the holder.]

5 **(A) AMENDMENTS OF A WOMAN'S NAME DUE TO MARRIAGE;**

6 **(B) AMENDMENT OF A WOMAN'S NAME DUE TO DEATH OF SPOUSE,**
7 **ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE, ISSUANCE OF A DIVORCE DECREE**
8 **UNDER PD NO. 1083, GRANT OF DIVORCE DECREE OR**
9 **DECLARATION OF NULLITY SHOWING DISSOLUTION OF**
10 **MARRIAGE GRANTED BY A FOREIGN COURT AND RECOGNIZED**
11 **BY PHILIPPINE COURTS CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 26 OF EO**
12 **NO. 209, AS AMENDED; OR**

13 **(C) AMENDMENTS BY ORDER OF A COURT PURSUANT TO RA NO.**
14 **9048, ENTITLED, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL**
15 **CIVIL REGISTRAR OR THE CONSUL GENERAL TO CORRECT A**
16 **CLERICAL OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN AN ENTRY AND/OR**
17 **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME OR NICKNAME IN THE CIVIL REGISTER**
18 **WITHOUT NEED OF A JUDICIAL ORDER, AMENDING FOR THIS**
19 **PURPOSE ARTICLES 376 AND 412 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE**
20 **PHILIPPINES."**

21 **SEC. 16.** Section 15 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
22 read as follows:

23 "Sec. [15] **16. Loss or Destruction.** — The loss or destruction of a passport
24 should be immediately reported to the Department or the Post. The holder of such
25 passport shall submit to the Department or Post an affidavit stating in detail the
26 circumstances of such loss or destruction. The holder of such a passport, who is in
27 the Philippines, should also furnish the National Bureau of Investigation (**NBI**) and

1 the Bureau of Immigration (BI) copies of the affidavit. For those who are abroad,
2 copies of the affidavit will be forwarded by the Post to the Department's Office of
3 Consular [Services] **AFFAIRS**, and in coordination with the Office of Legal [and
4 Intelligence Services] **AFFAIRS**, shall transmit a copy of the affidavit to the [National
5 Bureau of Investigation] **NBI** and [Bureau of Immigration] **BI**. The transmittal of the
6 affidavit shall be accompanied by a request for the confiscation of the said passport
7 if found, and to investigate or detain, if necessary, the person attempting to use or
8 has used the passport. All Posts will be informed of the lost passport, including
9 pertinent information on the passport and the circumstances of loss.

10 No new passport shall be issued until satisfactory proof is shown that the
11 passport was actually lost and after the lapse of fifteen (15) days following the date
12 of submission of the affidavit of loss is herein required: *Provided, however*, That in
13 the case of a passport reported lost by a Filipino travelling abroad, the Consulate
14 may waive the fifteen [(15) days] **(15)-DAY** requirement if the loss has been proven
15 to the Consular Official's satisfaction: *Provided, further*, That in case the Filipino who
16 reported a loss of passport is returning to the Philippines, the holder may be issued a
17 Travel Document: [*Provided, finally*, That in the event the lost passport is found, it
18 should be destroyed if a replacement has been issued, or mailed to the holder who
19 was issued a Travel Document.]

20 In all cases, **AT THE DISCRETION OF** the head of Office of Consular
21 [Services] **AFFAIRS** or the head of the Consular Section of an Embassy or the
22 Consul General of a consulate, [may, upon his discretion, waive] the fifteen (15)-day
23 waiting period[.] **MAY BE WAIVED."**

24 **SEC. 17.** Section 16 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
25 read as follows:

26 "SEC. [16] **17. Fees.** — Reasonable fees shall be collected for the
27 processing, issuance, [extension], **OR** amendment **OF AN EXISTING PASSPORT**
28 or replacement of a lost passport and the issuance of a Travel Document as may be
29 determined by the Department [:]. [*Provided, however*, That any fee shall not be
30 increased more than once every three (3) years].

1 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE THE NECESSARY FEES FOR
2 PASSPORTS WITH FIVE (5)-YEAR AND TEN (10)-YEAR VALIDITIES."

3 SEC. 18. Section 17 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. [17] 18. *Passport Revolving Fund.* — The Department may charge a
6 service fee of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P250) for such service
7 rendered to applicants relating to the processing and issuance of passports requiring
8 special consideration, waiver or issuance beyond regular office hours. The service
9 fees received by the Department under this section shall constitute a revolving fund
10 to be called the "*Passport Revolving Fund*" which may be utilized by the Department
11 for the improvement of its passporting and consular services and other Department
12 services except travel and transportation allowances and expenses.

13 The setting up, use and disbursement of funds shall be subject to review,
14 accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit and will
15 be subject to an annual review by Congress [.] [but] FURTHER, the Secretary [will]
16 SHALL submit a report on the disbursement of the fund every six (6) months to both
17 the Senate COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS and the House Committee[s]
18 on Foreign [Relations] AFFAIRS."

19 SEC. 19. Section 18 of this Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to read
20 as follows:

21 "Sec. [18] 19. *Waiver.* — The Secretary of Foreign Affairs is solely authorized
22 to waive any requirement[s] set forth in Section 5 of this Act."

23 SEC. 20. Section 19 of this Act is hereby re-numbered and amended with new
24 subsections (a.4) and (f) hereby added to read as follows:

25 "Sec. [19] 20. *Offenses and Penalties.* — A passport being a proclamation of
26 the citizenship of a Filipino, is [a document that is] superior to all other official
27 documents [.] AND [As] AS such, [it] should be accorded the highest respect by its

holder. [that to do damage to its integrity and validity is a serious crime that should be penalized accordingly] **ANY ACT PREJUDICIAL TO ITS INTEGRITY IS A GRAVE CRIME AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE AND SHOULD BE PENALIZED ACCORDINGLY:**

(a) *Offenses Relating to Issuances: Penalties.* — Any person who:

1. Acting or claiming to act in any capacity or office under the Republic of the Philippines, without lawful authority, **ACCEPTS PASSPORT APPLICATIONS**, grants, issues or verifies any passport or travel document to any or for any person whomsoever, **OR IS CAUGHT SELLING IN WHATEVER CAPACITY PASSPORT APPLICATION FORMS, OR LOST OR STOLEN PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P15,000) [nor] **BUT NOT** more than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P60,000) and imprisonment of not less than [eighteen (18) months nor more than] six (6) years **AND ONE (1) DAY NOR MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS;** or

2. Being a diplomatic or consular official authorized to grant, issue, amend or verify passports, knowingly and [wilfully] **WILFULLY** grants, issues, amends or verifies any such passport to any or for any person not owing allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, whether citizen or not, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P15,000) [nor] **BUT NOT** more than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P60,000) and imprisonment of not less than [eighteen (18) months but not more than] six (6) years **AND ONE DAY BUT NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS,** and upon conviction, be **PERPETUALLY** disqualified from holding [appointive] public office; **OR**

3. Being a diplomatic or consular officer, knowingly and [willfully] **WILFULLY** grants and issues to, amends or certifies to the authenticity of any passport or travel document for any person not entitled thereto, or knowingly and [wilfully] **WILFULLY** issues more than one passport to any person except as provided for in this Act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P15,000) [nor] **BUT NOT** more than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P60,000) and imprisonment of not less than [eighteen (18) months nor more than] six (6) years and **ONE (1) DAY BUT NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS** upon conviction, be disqualified **PERPETUALLY** from holding [appointive] public office; **OR**

4. **ACTING OR CLAIMING TO ACT IN ANY CAPACITY, WITH THE INTENTION TO PROFIT THEREBY, INTERCEPTS A PERSON PROCEEDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OF ITS REGIONAL CONSULAR OFFICES TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT, AND PERSUADES, ENTICES, ENCOURAGES, OR MISLEADS SUCH APPLICANT TO COURSE THE APPLICATION THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON OR AGENCY OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS PERSONNEL ON THE PRETEXT OF FACILITATING ITS APPROVAL OR ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS NOR MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS.**

(b) *Offenses Relating to False Statements: Penalties.* — Any person who [wilfully] **WILFULLY** and knowingly:

1. Makes any false statement in any application for passport with the intent to induce or secure the issuance of a passport under the authority of the Philippine Government, [either for his own (use or the use of another)] **FOR ANY PURPOSE**, contrary to this Act or rules and regulations prescribed pursuant hereto shall be

1 punished by a fine of not less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos
2 (P15,000) nor more than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P60,000)
3 and imprisonment of not less than [three (3) years nor more
4 than ten (10) years] **SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY BUT**
5 **NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS;** or

6 2. Uses or attempts to use any passport which was secured in any
7 way by reason of any false statement[s], shall be punished by a
8 fine of not less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (15,000) [nor]
9 **BUT NOT** more than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (60,000) and
10 imprisonment of not less than [three (3) years, but not more than
11 ten (10) years] **SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY, BUT NOT**
12 **MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS [;or].**

13 A 21 Travel and recruitment agencies [whose] **AND PASSPORT-RELATED**
14 **SERVICE PROVIDERS**, agents, liaison officers or representatives are convicted
15 of offenses relating to false statements shall, in addition to the fines and penalties
16 above-mentioned, have their license revoked with all deposits, escrow accounts
17 or guarantee funds deposited or made as a requirement of their business
18 forfeited in favor of the government. [without prejudice to the officials of the
19 branch office or of the agency being charged as accessories to the offense and
20 upon conviction barred from engaging in the travel agency business] **AN**
21 **OFFICER OF THE TRAVEL OR RECRUITMENT AGENCY CONVICTED FOR**
22 **FALSE STATEMENTS SHALL BE BARRED FROM ENGAGING IN THE**
23 **TRAVEL OR RECRUITMENT AGENCY BUSINESS.**

24 (c) *Offenses Relating to Forgery: Penalties.* — Any person who:

25 1. Falsely makes, forges, counterfeits, mutilates or alters any
26 passport or travel document **OR DEPARTMENT STAMPS**, or
27 any supporting document for a passport application, with the
28 intent of using the same shall be punished by a fine of not less
29 than [Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000)] **SEVENTY-FIVE**
30 **THOUSAND PESOS (P75,000) [nor] BUT NOT** more than One

1 [h]Hundred [f]Fifty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P150,000) and
2 imprisonment of not less than six (6) years [nor] **BUT NOT** more
3 than fifteen (15) years [.] **THE POSSESSION OF THE**
4 **DOCUMENTS HEREIN MENTIONED SHALL BE PRIMA**
5 **FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMMISSION OF THE ACTS**
6 **ENUMERATED HEREIN AND THE INTENT TO USE THE**
7 **SAME; or**

8 2. [Willfully] **WILFULLY** or knowingly uses or attempts to use or
9 furnishes to another for use any such false, forged,
10 counterfeited, mutilated or altered passport or travel document
11 or any passport validly issued which has become void by the
12 occurrence of any condition [t]herein prescribed shall be
13 punished by a fine of not less than Sixty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos
14 (60,000) [nor] **BUT NOT** more than One [h]Hundred and [f]Fifty
15 [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P150,000) and imprisonment of not less
16 than six (6) years [nor] **BUT NOT** more than fifteen (15) years.
17 [Provided, however, That] **THE** officers of corporations,
18 agencies or entities licensed in the travel and recruitment
19 industry would be held similarly liable as their agents, liaison
20 officers or representatives[.]. [Provided, finally, That f]Forgeries
21 of five or more passports or travel documents[, would] **SHALL**
22 be considered as massive forgery tantamount to national
23 sabotage and [shall be] punished by a fine of not less than Two
24 [h]Hundred and [f]Fifty [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P250,000) [nor]
25 **BUT NOT** more than One Million [p]Pesos (P1,000,000) and
26 imprisonment of not less than seven (7) years [nor] **BUT NOT**
27 more than seventeen (17) years.

28 (d) *Offenses Relating to Improper Use: Penalties.* — **A FINE OF NOT LESS**
29 **THAN SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P60,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE**
30 **HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000) AND IMPRISONMENT OF NOT**
31 **LESS THAN SIX (6) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE**
32 **IMPOSED UPON [A]any person who [willfully] WILFULLY and knowingly:**

1 1. Uses or attempts to use [,] any passport issued or designed for
2 the use of another or any supporting document[s] for a passport
3 application which belongs to another; or

4 2. Uses or attempts to use any passport or supporting document in
5 violation of the conditions or restrictions therein contained; or of
6 the rules prescribed pursuant thereto; or

7 3. Furnishes, disposes [,] or delivers a passport to any person, [for
8 use by another or other than the person for whose use it was
9 originally issued or designed] **OTHER THAN TO THAT IN
10 WHOSE NAME AND FOR WHOSE USE IT WAS ISSUED,
11 EXCEPT WHEN THE APPLICANT IS A MINOR, A SENIOR
12 CITIZEN OR PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPACITATED
13 AND THE PASSPORT IS RELEASED TO THE PARENT,
14 GUARDIAN OR IMMEDIATE RELATIVE: PROVIDED, THAT
15 IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND FOR HUMANITARIAN
16 REASONS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HEAD OF THE
17 OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS OR THE HEAD OF THE
18 CONSULAR SECTION OF ANY EMBASSY OR THE CONSUL
19 GENERAL OF A CONSULATE, THE PASSPORT MAY BE
20 RELEASED TO A THIRD PARTY UPON THE SUBMISSION
21 OF A WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE APPLICANT;**
22 or

23 4. Defaces or destroys a Philippine passport [,] . [shall be punished
24 by a fine of not less than Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000) nor
25 more than One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000) and
26 imprisonment of not less than six (6) years nor more than fifteen
27 (15) years.]

28 (e) *Offenses Relating to Multiple Possession: Penalties.* — No person or
29 individual may hold more than one valid passport, except as provided for in Section 7

1 hereof, and any individual who possesses more than one unexpired passport shall,
2 for every unexpired passport found in his possession, be punished by a fine of not
3 less than Fifteen [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P15,000) [nor] **BUT NOT** more than Sixty
4 [t]Thousand [p]Pesos (P60,000) and imprisonment of not less than [eighteen (18)
5 months but not more than six (6) years] **SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY BUT**
6 **NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS:** *Provided*, That the maximum fine and
7 imprisonment shall be imposed by the court [if he] **FOR ANY** attempt[s] to use or
8 **THE** actual[ly] use[s] **OF** an unexpired passport which is not in [his] **THE** name **OF**
9 **THE USER.**

10 In case any of the offenses prohibited in this Act constitutes a violation of the
11 Revised Penal Code and the penalty imposed in said Code is heavier than that in
12 this Act, the latter penalty shall be imposed.

13 **(F) OFFENSES RELATING TO FORGERY OF VISAS AND ENTRY**
14 **DOCUMENTS: PENALTIES. — A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN**
15 **THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN SIXTY THOUSAND**
16 **PESOS (P60,000.00) AND IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN THREE (3)**
17 **YEARS, BUT NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON**
18 **ANY PERSON WHO:**

19 1. **KNOWINGLY FORGES, COUNTERFEITS, ALTERS, OR**
20 **FALSELY MAKES ANY IMMIGRANT OR NONIMMIGRANT**
21 **VISA, PERMIT, BORDER CROSSING CARD, ALIEN**
22 **REGISTRATION CARD, OR OTHER DOCUMENT**
23 **PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE OR REGULATION FOR ENTRY**
24 **INTO OR AS EVIDENCE OF AUTHORIZED STAY OR**
25 **EMPLOYMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES OR ELSEWHERE WITH**
26 **THE INTENT OF USING THE SAME; OR**

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28 2. **KNOWINGLY USES, ATTEMPTS TO USE, POSSESSES,**
29 **OBTAINS, ACCEPTS, OR RECEIVES ANY SUCH VISA,**
30 **PERMIT, BORDER CROSSING CARD, ALIEN**
31 **REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD, OR OTHER DOCUMENT**

1 PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE OR REGULATION FOR ENTRY
2 INTO OR AS EVIDENCE OF AUTHORIZED STAY OR
3 EMPLOYMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES OR ELSEWHERE,
4 KNOWING IT TO BE FORGED, COUNTERFEITED, ALTERED,
5 OR FALSELY MADE, OR TO HAVE BEEN PROCURED BY
6 MEANS OF ANY FALSE CLAIM OR STATEMENT, OR TO
7 HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE PROCURED BY FRAUD OR
8 UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE USE OF
9 FORGED, COUNTERFEITED, ALTERED, OR FALSELY
10 MADE VISA, PERMIT, BORDER CROSSING CARD, ALIEN
11 REGISTRATION CARD, OR OTHER ENTRY DOCUMENT
12 SHALL BE *PRIMA FACIE* EVIDENCE OF KNOWLEDGE; OR

13 3. KNOWINGLY POSSESSES ANY BLANK PERMIT, OR
14 ENGRAVES, SELLS, BRINGS INTO THE PHILIPPINES, OR
15 HAS THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION IN ANY PLATE IN
16 THE LIKENESS OF A PLATE DESIGNED FOR THE
17 PRINTING OF PERMITS, OR MAKES ANY PRINT,
18 PHOTOGRAPH, OR IMPRESSION IN THE LIKENESS OF
19 ANY IMMIGRANT OR NONIMMIGRANT VISA, PERMIT OR
20 OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO THE
21 PHILIPPINES OR ELSEWHERE, OR HAS THE POSSESSION
22 OF A DISTINCTIVE PAPER WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PRINTING OF SUCH VISAS,
24 PERMITS, OR DOCUMENTS: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE
25 PERSON WHO FORGES, COUNTERFEITS, ALTERS, OR
26 FALSELY MAKES ANY IMMIGRANT OR NONIMMIGRANT
27 VISA, PERMIT, BORDER CROSSING CARD, ALIEN
28 REGISTRATION CARD, OR OTHER ENTRY DOCUMENT
29 SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN
30 SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P60,000.00) BUT NOT MORE
31 THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS
32 (P150,000.00) AND IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN

1 SIX (6) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) YEARS
2 FOR EACH VISA OR ENTRY DOCUMENT.

3 FINES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED FOR UNDER THIS SECTION
4 SHALL BE IMPOSED IN THEIR MAXIMUM WHEN SAID ACTS ARE COMMITTED
5 BY A SYNDICATE OR IN LARGE SCALE. ANY UNLAWFUL ACT UNDER THIS
6 SECTION IS COMMITTED BY A SYNDICATE IF CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP OF
7 THREE (3) OR MORE PERSONS CONSPIRING AND CONFEDERATING WITH
8 ONE ANOTHER. SUCH ACTS ARE COMMITTED IN LARGE SCALE IF
9 COMMITTED AGAINST THREE (3) OR MORE PERSONS INDIVIDUALLY OR AS
10 A GROUP."

11 SEC. 21. Section 20 of the same Act is hereby re-numbered and amended to
12 read as follows:

13 "Sec. [20] 21. *Suspension OR REVOCATION of Accreditation.* — TRAVEL
14 OR RECRUITMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER PASSPORT-RELATED SERVICE
15 PROVIDERS ARE ALLOWED THE PRIVILEGE TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH
16 THE DEPARTMENT ON THE BASIS OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. FOR THE
17 EXERCISE OF THIS PRIVILEGE, THESE PASSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS
18 SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SECURE ACCREDITATION FROM THE
19 DEPARTMENT.

20 Any [duly accredited] travel or recruitment [agent or] agency AND OTHER
21 PASSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS [which] THAT violate[s the prescription on
22 application for passport under Section 6 hereof] ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT
23 shall have [such] ITS accreditation suspended [without prejudice to civil, criminal or
24 administrative sanctions including revocation of its license to operate] OR
25 REVOKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
26 PENALTIES TO BE FORMULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ANY SUCH
27 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF ACCREDITATION SHALL BE WITHOUT
28 PREJUDICE TO CIVIL SERVICE OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST THE
29 AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES.

1 The [mere] submission of spurious, forged or falsified documents supporting a
2 passport application by any duly accredited travel or recruitment [agent or] agency
3 **OR OTHER PASSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS** shall be prima facie evidence that
4 the said travel or recruitment [agent] **AGENCY** is the author of such forgery or
5 falsification [.] **PROVIDED, THAT THE SPURIOUS, FORGED OR FALSIFIED**
6 **DOCUMENT SUBMITTED WAS SECURED BY THE TRAVEL OR RECRUITMENT**
7 **AGENCY OR OTHER RELEVANT PASSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS ON**
8 **BEHALF OF ITS CLIENT."**

9 **SEC. 22. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — The Secretary shall issue
10 the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations to implement the provisions of
11 this Act within ninety (90) days from date of its effectivity without extension or
12 delays."

13 **SEC. 23. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is declared
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
15 full force and effect.

16 **SEC. 24. Repealing Clause.** — RA No. 8239 and all other laws or parts
17 thereof, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this
18 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

19 **SEC. 25. Effectivity Clause.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
20 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the
21 Official Gazette.

FACT SHEET

HOUSE BILL NO. 5854

(As Approved by the Committee)

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE AND PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO TRAVEL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

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OBJECTIVES:

- To simplify the passport documentation requirements and processes of the Office Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
- To resolve the continuing cases of offenses relating to the issuance, possession, use, suspension and revocation of passports.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides for the issuance of passports using tamper proof and latest data management technology;
- Simplifies passport documentation requirements and processes of the Office of Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
- Requires the submission of specific documents for minors, adopted persons, widowed, annulled or divorced women, applicants to be adopted, naturalized citizens and persons who have reacquired Philippine citizenship;
- Provides for the issuance of non-renewable Haj passport with three-month validity to Muslims travelling for such purpose;

- Revises the list of persons entitled to diplomatic and official passports;
- Provides additional grounds for passport amendments, denial and cancellations;
- Provides for the issuance of passports with five (5) or ten (10) year validity;
- Creates of a *Special Board of Inquiry (SBI)* to handle and adjudicate complaints for cancellation of passports;
- Imposes stiffer penalties against perpetrators of fraudulent and fake passports; and

RELATED LAWS:

- RA No. 8239- Philippine Passport Act of 1996
- RA NO. 8043- Inter-country Adoption Act of 1995
- RA No. 9523- An Act Requiring the Certification of the DSWD to Declare a Child Legally Available for Adoption
- RA No. 9225- Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003
- RA No. 9048- An Act Authorizing the City or Municipal Civil Registrar or the Consul General to Correct a Clerical or Typographical Error in an Entry and/or change of First Name or Nickname in the Civil Register without Need of a Judicial Order
- EO No. 209- Family Code of 1988
- PD No. 1083- Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines
- RA No. 386- Civil Code of the Philippines (Articles 376 and 412)