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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2204

Submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs and Government Reorganization on
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Re: House Bill No. **6229**

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bill Nos. 1382, 2205, 3220 and 3334

Sponsors: Representatives Ramon H. Durano VI, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales II, and Tomas V. Apacible

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Economic Affairs and Government Reorganization to which were referred House Bill No. 1382 introduced by Rep. Ramon H. Durano VI, entitled:

"AN ACT

**REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE ENTITLED "REORGANIZING AND
STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

House Bill No. 2205 introduced by Reps. Salvador H. Escudero III and Tomas V. Apacible, entitled:

"AN ACT

REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM"

House Bill No. 3220 introduced by Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., entitled:

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and House Bill No. 3334 introduced by Rep. Neptali Gonzales II, Jr., entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend the approval of House Bill No. _____ in substitution with House Bill Nos. 1382, 2205, 3220 and 3334, and with Reps. Ramon H. Durano VI, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales II, and Tomas V. Apacible as authors thereof.


HON. CESAR GUALOSJOS
Chairman
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Respectfully submitted,


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**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL No. 6229

Introduced by Representatives Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales II, and Tomas V. Apacible

AN ACT
REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE ENTITLED "REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 **SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Statistical
2 Act of 2012".

3 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It shall be the policy of the State
4 to effect the necessary and proper changes in the organizational and functional
5 structures of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), its agencies and
6 instrumentalities, in order to rationalize and promote efficiency and effectiveness in
7 the delivery of statistical services, maintain an integrated statistical system
8 characterized by independence, objectivity and integrity so as to enhance
9 responsiveness to the requirements of equitable national development, promote the
10 orderly development of a statistical system capable of providing timely, accurate and
11 useful data for the government and the public, and support decentralization through
12 the establishment of the statistical infrastructure necessary to service the statistical
13 needs of local development planning.

1 **SEC. 3. REORGANIZATION.** The Philippine Statistical System, hereinafter
2 referred to as the PSS, shall be reorganized structurally and functionally, in
3 accordance with the provisions of this Act

4 **SEC. 4. PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM.** The PSS shall consist of
5 statistical organizations at all administrative levels, the personnel therein and the
6 national statistical program. This includes a policy-making body, a coordinating body
7 with primary data collection capability, a statistical research and training institute, and
8 all executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the
9 national and local government and all government-owned and controlled corporations
10 (GOCCs) and their subsidiaries that are engaged in statistical activities either as their
11 primary functions or as part of their administrative or regulatory functions. The PSS
12 shall remain decentralized with a strong coordination feature to be achieved through
13 postings of trained personnel and closer linkage between statistical programming and
14 budgeting.

15 **SEC. 5. PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY.** There shall be
16 created a Philippine Statistics Authority hereinafter referred to as PSA attached to the
17 National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for purposes of policy
18 coordination. It shall be comprised of the PSA Board and offices on sectoral statistics,
19 censuses and technical coordination, civil registration and central support and field
20 statistical services.

21 The PSA Board shall be the highest policy-making body on statistical matters.
22 The data produced by the PSA shall be the official and controlling statistics of the
23 government. The PSA shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and
24 surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems
25 and compilation of the national accounts.

26 The PSA shall be constituted from among the existing personnel of the major
27 statistical agencies engaged in primary data collection and compilation of secondary
28 data, i.e., the National Statistics Office, herein referred to as "NSO", the Technical
29 Staff of the National Statistical Coordination Board herein referred to as "NSCB", the
30 Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, herein referred to as "BAS" and the Bureau of Labor
31 and Employment Statistics, herein referred to as "BLES".

The Department of Economic Statistics of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will continue to take charge of banking and financial statistics, including the Balance of Payments (BOP) and flow of funds

SEC. 6. FUNCTIONS OF PSA. The PSA shall have the following functions

- a. Serve as the central statistical authority of the Philippine government on primary data collection ;
- b. Prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy;
- c. Collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic, political affairs and general activities and condition of the people,
- d. Prepare and conduct statistical sample surveys on all aspects of socioeconomic life including agriculture, industry, trade, finance, prices and marketing information, income and expenditure, education, health, culture and social situations as well as the government and the political sector for the use of the government and the public,
- e. Carry out, enforce and administer civil registration functions in the country as provided for in Act No. 3753 otherwise known as the Civil Registry Law;
- f. Collaborate with departments of the national government including GOCCs and their subsidiaries in the collection, compilation, maintenance and publication of statistical information, including special statistical data derived from the activities of those departments, corporations and their subsidiaries,
- g. Promote and develop integrated social and economic statistics and coordinate plans for the integration of those statistics, including the national accounts,
- h. Develop and maintain appropriate frameworks and standards for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data;
- i. Coordinate with government departments and Local Government Units (LGUs) on the promotion and adoption of statistical standards involving techniques, methodologies, concepts, definitions and classifications, and on the avoidance of duplication in the collection of statistical information.

- j. Conduct continuing methodological, analytical and development activities, in coordination with the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) to improve the conduct of censuses, surveys and other data collection activities;
- k. Recommend executive and legislative measures to enhance the development of the statistical activities and programs of the government;
- l. Prepare, in consultation with the PSA Board, a Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP);
- m. Implement policies on statistical matters and coordination, as directed by the PSA Board; and,
- n. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the PSA Board and as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. COMPOSITION OF THE PSA BOARD. The PSA Board shall be composed of the following: the National Statistician as Chairperson, the Director-General of the NEDA and the Secretary of the Department of Budget Management (DBM), or his duly designated Undersecretary, as Vice-Chairpersons; one representative each from the other departments in the national government, a representative of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas; the Executive Director of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute; a representative of the Philippine Statistical Association; a representative from the GOCCs, a representative each from the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) and the private sector to be appointed by the Chairperson of the PSA Board for a term of three years, with reappointment, from a list of nominees submitted by the other members of the Board

In the absence or temporary incapacity of the National Statistician, the NEDA Director-General shall act as the Chairperson of the Board. In the absence of both the National Statistician and the NEDA Director-General, the DBM representative shall act as the Chairperson of the Board.

The PSA Board shall constitute five sections, each with a maximum of seven members. Each section shall meet as often as possible to deliberate on matters to be discussed by the PSA Board. These sections are the following:

- a. Agriculture, Industry, Trade and Services, Environment and Natural Resources, Prices, and National Accounts,
- b. Labor and Employment, Population, Women and Gender, Health and Welfare, Education, Science and Technology, and other Socio-Economic Sectors;
- c. Census and Survey Design;
- d. Theoretical Statistics and Statistical Modeling; and,
- e. Statistical Information System and Information Technology.

The Board may create sections as deemed necessary and appropriate.

SEC. 8. MEETING AND COMPENSATION. -- The PSA Board shall

- a. Conduct its first organizational meeting within forty-five (45) days from the effectivity of this Act;
- b. Hold regular quarterly meetings and may have as many special meetings as may be necessary on call of the Chairperson or upon request of any fifteen (15) members thereof.

The members of the Board, except for the ex-officio members, shall each receive *per diem* at rates to be determined by the DBM in accordance with existing rules and regulations: *Provided, however,* That the total *per diem* collected each month shall not exceed the equivalent *per diem* for four (4) meetings.

SEC. 9. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF PSA BOARD. The PSA Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Establish appropriate mechanisms to promote and maintain an efficient and effective statistical system in the government,
- b. Formulate policies on all matters relating to government statistical operations standards and classifications,
- c. Review the statistical programs of the departments and agencies of the national government and the LGU's and rationalize responsibilities in these government organizations on matters relating to such statistical programs;
- d. Review budgetary proposals involving statistical operations and submit a integrated budget for the PSS to the DBM;

- e. Prescribe appropriate frameworks for the improvement of statistical coordination and establish mechanisms for statistical coordination at the regional and LGU levels,
- f. Provide technical assistance and exercise supervision over major government statistical activities,
- g. Recommend executive and legislative measures to enhance the development and efficiency of the system, including the internal structure of statistical agencies, and,
- h. Approve the Philippine Statistical Development Program

The PSA Board shall act on and decide matters before it by a majority vote of all its members. A majority of the members of the PSA Board shall constitute a quorum in the conduct of its day to day affairs and business

All agencies of government are hereby mandated to comply with any and all directives requested by the PSA Board, either *motu proprio* or through the PSA. Failure, without justifiable reason, by any agency to comply with this mandate shall result in the filing of administrative and criminal cases against the erring government personnel and the immediate superior concerned without prejudice to violation of any other law or regulation. In a criminal case, the penalties provided in the second paragraph of Section 27 hereof shall apply.

SEC. 10. INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEES ON STATISTICS. The following inter-agency statistical committees (IACs) shall be created by the PSA Board to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters. The IAC shall serve as a forum for discussion of the issues raised by concerned producers, users and other stakeholders of sectoral and agency-specific statistics

- 1) Committee on Agriculture
- 2) Committee on Trade and Industry Statistics
- 3) Committee on Infrastructure
- 4) Committee on Financial Statistics
- 5) Committee on Social Statistics
- 6) Committee on Gender Statistics

- 7) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
- 8) Committee on Information and Communication Technology
- 9) Committee on Science and Technology
- 10) Committee on Governance
- 11) Committee on Migration
- 12) Committee on Fiscal Matters
- 13) Committee on PSS Resources.

The PSA Board may create IACs to assist in the exercise of its functions or abolish them as appropriate. It shall define the functions and terms of reference of the IACs which will allow flexibility and the ability to respond to future emerging statistical concerns on various sectors.

The membership of the IACs may be increased or decreased as the exigencies of the work require, provided that these shall be authorized by the PSA Board. The IACs may create sub-committees or working groups as the need arises in the work to be done. Membership of said sub-committees/working groups shall come from the technical staff of the government agencies represented and other private entities.

The IACs shall submit to the PSA Board their work programs and report on the progress of their work, including findings and recommendations on technical issues referred to them.

SEC. 11. THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN. The National Statistician, as head of the PSA, must possess experience in the management of data collection and at least a Master's degree in Statistics. The National Statistician shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines from among a list of nominees submitted by a Special Committee. The Special Committee shall be composed of representatives from the Philippine Statistical Association (PSA), the University of the Philippines' School of Statistics (UPSS), the University of the Philippines- Los Baños Institute of Statistics (UPLB-INSTAT), the Department of Economic Statistics of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the NEDA.

1 The National Statistician shall serve for a term of five (5) years and may be
2 reappointed.

3 The National Statistician shall perform the following duties:

- 4 a. Direct and supervise the general administration of the PSA;
- 5 b. Prescribe rules and regulations, instructions, schedule and form of business of
6 the PSA in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics and other
7 information and in the conduct of any census,
- 8 c. Provide overall directions in the implementation of the Civil Registry Law and
9 related issuances and exercise technical supervision over the local civil
10 registrars as Civil Registrar General,
- 11 d. Direct and manage the implementation and execution of policies, standards,
12 rules and regulations formulated by the PSA Board;
- 13 e. Issue appointments of PSA personnel below the rank of Director;
- 14 f. Represent PSA as signatory to all contracts, researches and other awards;
- 15 g. Represent the Philippines in regional and international conference and
16 meetings as the country's highest authority with respect to statistical matters;
- 17 h. Submit a report to the President of the Republic of the Philippines through the
18 NEDA Director-General on the activities of the PSA in the preceding year
19 Such report shall also be submitted separately in the annual report to Congress
20 during the presentation of the President's budget; and
- 21 i. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the PSA Board.

22 **SEC. 12. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PSA.** The PSA
23 offices shall be composed of the Sectoral Statistics Office, Censuses and Technical
24 Coordination Office, Civil Registration and Central Support Office, Field Statistical
25 Services comprising of the regional offices and provincial statistical offices.

26 The PSA shall be headed by a National Statistician and assisted by three (3)
27 Deputy National Statisticians: 1) Deputy National Statistician for Sectoral Statistics;
28 2) Deputy National Statistician for Censuses and Technical Coordination; and 3)
29 Deputy National Statistician for Civil Registration and Central Support.

1 There shall be established, directly under the Office of the National
2 Statistician, the following support units: 1) Legal Services; 2) Statistical
3 Methodology; 3) International Cooperation; and 4) Management and Corporate
4 Planning.

5 The Deputy National Statistician for Sectoral Statistics shall supervise three
6 (3) Assistant National Statisticians (ANS), who shall oversee the following offices:

- 7 1) Macroeconomic Accounts Statistics shall be responsible for the development and
8 maintenance of national accounts, regional accounts, satellite accounts,
9 input/output tables and other related macro-economic accounts;
- 10 2) Economic Sector Statistics - shall be responsible for the production of primary
11 data on agriculture, industry, trade, services, environment and natural resources,
12 prices and other related economic statistics; and,
- 13 3) Social Sector Statistics -- shall be responsible for the production of primary data on
14 labor and employment, population, women and gender, health and welfare,
15 education, science and technology; housing and urbanization, emerging concerns
16 and other related social statistics.

17 The Deputy National Statistician for Censuses and Technical Coordination
18 shall supervise three (3) Assistant National Statisticians, who shall oversee the
19 following offices:

- 20 1) National Censuses shall be responsible for the planning and production of data
21 from censuses on population and housing, agriculture, fisheries, and economic
22 activities; and development and maintenance of sampling frames and geographic
23 information on population and housing, agriculture, fisheries, and economic
24 activities;
- 25 2) Standards -- shall be responsible for the formulation and monitoring of statistical
26 development programs, formulation of standards and classification, including
27 glossary of statistical terms and geographic classification;
- 28 3) Information Technology (IT) and Dissemination -- shall be responsible for the
29 development and maintenance of IT systems and programs, IT operations,
30 statistical data archives, communication and information services

The Deputy National Statistician for Civil Registration and Central Support shall supervise two (2) Assistant National Statisticians, who shall oversee the following offices:

- 1) Civil Registration – shall be responsible for the civil registry document management and archiving, data center, policy advocacy and research on civil registration matters, outlet and customer services and other civil registration concerns;
- 2) Central Support – shall be responsible for the general administration, financial services, human resource management, human resource development and procurement.

SEC. 13. SECTORAL STATISTICS OFFICE. The Sectoral Statistics Office shall: (1) provide technical staff support to the PSA in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, agrarian reform, mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water, energy, construction, foreign and domestic trade, services, science and technology, finance, investment, population, women and gender, health, nutrition, education, labor and employment, social welfare, governance, public order and justice; (2) provide technical staff support to the PSA in generating the national accounts and the development and maintenance of economic and social accounts, (3) plan and conduct surveys as may be required, in accordance with the approved statistical calendar and (4) perform such other tasks as may be assigned by the National Statistician.

SEC. 14. CENSUSES AND TECHNICAL COORDINATION OFFICE. The Censuses and Technical Coordination Office shall: (1) prepare, conduct, process and disseminate census results in accordance with the approved statistical calendar, (2) maintain and develop statistical standards and classification systems; (3) provide technical assistance to other concerned government offices to meet their statistical requirements for policy-making, planning and programming; (4) coordinate the activities of the Regional Statistical Services; (5) provide information technology systems and programming and IT operations support for the PSA projects; (6) provide other PSA offices with cartographic services; (7) maintain archives and

1 communication and information services of PSA generated data; (8) provide the data
2 center for statistics and civil registration; and (9) perform such other tasks as may be
3 assigned by the National Statistician.

4 **SEC. 15. CIVIL REGISTRATION AND CENTRAL SUPPORT**
5 **OFFICE.** The Civil Registration and Central Support Office shall provide technical
6 and support services to the various units of the PSA in the areas of administrative
7 services, financial management services, human resources. It shall likewise provide
8 technical and support services for the efficient functioning of civil registration system
9 and perform such other tasks as may be assigned by the National Statistician.

10 **SEC. 16. FIELD STATISTICAL SERVICES.** A Regional Statistical
11 Services Office (RSSO) and Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) shall be established in
12 each of the administrative regions and provinces, respectively. The RSSO and PSO
13 shall: (1) provide technical staff support to the PSA; (2) provide technical assistance
14 as may be required by the implementing agencies and local governments in the
15 regions and provinces; and (3) perform such other tasks as may be assigned by the
16 National Statistician.

17 **SEC. 17. PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL RESEARCH & TRAINING**
18 **INSTITUTE.** The Philippine Statistical Research & Training Institute is hereby
19 created and shall be attached to the NEDA for purposes of policy coordination. As
20 such, the Statistical Research and Training Center (SRTC) is hereby abolished and all
21 SRTC assets and liabilities, appropriations, records and personnel, if any, shall be
22 transferred to PSRTI.

23 **SEC. 18. FUNCTIONS OF PSRTI.** The PSRTI shall carry out the following
24 functions:

- 25 a. Develop a comprehensive and integrated research and training program on the
26 theories, concepts and methodologies for the promotion of the statistical
27 system;
- 28 b. Undertake research on statistical concepts, definitions and methods.
- 29 c. Promote collaborative research efforts among members of the academic
30 community, data producers and users;

- d Conduct non-degree training programs to upgrade the quality of statistics personnel and expand the statistics human resource base in support of the needs of the PSS,
- e Provide scholarships, financial and other forms of assistance to build statistical manpower and enhance training and statistical research and development.
- f Serve as repository of all statistical researches and studies to be generated by the PSA as well as back-up/duplicate files of data archives and other statistical databases of the PSS; and
- g Invest its funds in such undertaking as it may be deem wise or necessary to carry out its objectives with due consideration to existing guidelines on investing government funds

SEC. 19. COMPOSITION OF THE PSRTI. The PSRTI shall be headed by an Executive Director, who shall be nominated by the PSA Board and appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. The PSRTI Executive Director shall possess a Master's degree in Statistics.

The PSRTI shall have a governing board that shall formulate policies for its management and operations. The PSA Board Chairperson shall be the Chairperson of the PSRTI Governing Board, with the following as members: Dean of the University of the Philippines' School of Statistics, Executive Director of the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC), a representative of the NEDA and the Executive Director of the PSRTI as ex-officio members. The PSA Board Chairperson may appoint two representatives from the private sector to the PSRTI Governing Board from among a list of nominees submitted by the Board

The PSRTI governing board shall meet at least every semester to discuss and formulate policies for the management and operations of the PSRTI. The PSRTI shall provide reasonable allowances to its governing board.

SEC. 20. PSRTI FELLOWS AND ASSOCIATES. The PSRTI shall be authorized to engage professionals either as fellows or associates, for purposes of conducting training sessions and researches for PSRTI. Fellows should have experience in research or training and have preferably earned a doctorate degree in

1 Statistics, Economics, Social Sciences, Computer Sciences or related disciplines while
2 associates should have earned at least a Masteral degree in these fields. Those so
3 engaged by the PSRTI shall be issued appointments and paid fees as determined by
4 the PSRTI, and as approved by the PSA Board.

5 **SEC. 21. PSRTI ENDOWMENT FUND.** The existing SRTC Endowment
6 Fund shall be transferred to the PSRTI and serve as the initial PSRTI endowment
7 fund. The PSRTI is authorized to accept into its endowment fund any contributions,
8 donations, bequests, grants and loans from domestic and/or foreign sources,
9 government appropriations and other incomes accruing from the operations of PSRTI,
10 for purposes of executing its mandate and functions

11 The amount necessary to augment the endowment fund shall be included in
12 the annual General Appropriations Act.

13 **SEC. 22. PSRTI OPERATING FUNDS.** The amount appropriated for the
14 operating fund of the SRTC under the current General Appropriations Act shall
15 constitute the initial operating fund of the PSRTI. Thereafter, the government
16 contribution necessary to support the research and training programs of the PSRTI
17 shall be determined based on the annual financial plan approved by its governing
18 board and submitted to the DBM

19 **SEC. 23. POSTING OF STATISTICAL PERSONNEL IN**
20 **GOVERNMENT OFFICES.** In the exercise of its functions and in accordance with
21 the priorities set by the PSA Board, the PSA may post teams of its statistical
22 personnel in other government offices to carry out the work program to be drawn up
23 in coordination with the host offices. The posted teams shall be proportional to the
24 size and needs of the government offices. Personnel posted in a government office
25 shall be supervised by the Deputy National Statistician for Sectoral Statistics and shall
26 render fortnightly statistical reports to the Office of the National Statistician. The
27 heads of the host offices shall submit periodic performance evaluation reports on
28 posted personnel to the National Statistician.

1 **SEC. 24. PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

2 The Philippine Statistical Development Program shall consist of all statistical
3 activities to be undertaken by the PSS in response to the requirements of development
4 planning and policy formulation.

5 **SEC. 25. OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.** The National

6 Statistician shall determine whether a statistical inquiry or survey to be conducted is
7 with or without an obligation to provide information. If such obligation is stipulated,
8 all respondents whether natural or legal persons shall be liable to reply to the
9 statistical inquiry or survey. This section applies to all statistical inquiries or surveys
10 conducted by other statistical offices in the PSS.

11 The respondents under this Act are required to give truthful and complete
12 answers to statistical inquiries or surveys of the PSA and other statistical offices of the
13 PSS. The respondent is considered to have complied with the obligation only upon
14 receipt of the duly completed statistical inquiry or survey forms. The government
15 shall provide franking privileges, charges, and postings, to the survey offices, unless
16 otherwise disallowed by law.

17 The PSA is authorized to gather data from other government agency for
18 statistical purposes.

19 **SEC. 26. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.** Individual data
20 furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses of the PSA
21 shall be considered privileged communication and as such shall be inadmissible as
22 evidence in any proceeding.

23 The PSA may release aggregated information from statistical inquiries,
24 surveys and censuses in the form of summaries or statistical tables in which no
25 reference to an individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business
26 enterprise shall appear.

1 The National Statistician and all staff of PSA shall take a solemn oath
2 regarding confidentiality of information. However, confidentiality of information
3 does not apply to:

- 4 a) Information in the form of a list or index of individual business firms,
5 establishments or organizations that contain any or all of the following
6 information: 1) the name, address, and telephone numbers; 2) the business and
7 products that they are engaged in; and 3) the specific ranges of number of
8 employees;
- 9 b) Microdata from statistical inquiries or survey form/questionnaire/ schedule
10 prepared by PSA for purposes of research, with care to ensure that identities of
11 a particular person, business or organization will not be disclosed in whatever
12 form; and
- 13 c) Access to census data after 100 years for historical, genealogical, scientific or
14 other research purposes

15 **SEC. 27. PENALTIES.** Respondents of primary data collection activities
16 such as censuses and sample surveys are obliged to give truthful and complete
17 answers to statistical inquiries. The gathering, consolidation and analysis of such data
18 shall likewise be done in the most truthful and credible manner

19 To ensure compliance, any violation of this Act shall result in the imposition
20 of the penalty of one (1) year imprisonment and a fine of One Hundred Thousand
21 Pesos (Php 100,000.00). In cases where the respondent who fails to give a truthful
22 and complete answer to such statistical inquiries is a corporation, the above penalty
23 shall be imposed against the responsible officer, director, manager and/or agent of
24 said corporation. In addition, such erring corporation or any other juridical entity,
25 depending on the category of the enterprise or business concerned whether small,
26 medium or large, shall be imposed a fine ranging from One Hundred Thousand Pesos
27 (Php 100,000.00) to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 500,000.00).

28 Any person, including parties within PSA Board and PSA, who breach the
29 confidentiality of information, whether by carelessness, improper behavior, behavior
30 with malicious intent, and use of confidential information for profit, are considered

1 guilty of an offense and shall be liable to fines as prescribed by the PSA Board which
2 shall not be less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) nor more than Ten
3 Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00), and/or imprisonment of three (3) months but not to
4 exceed one (1) year, subject to the degree of breach of information.

5 Failure to comply with the survey clearance provision shall be penalized by a
6 fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php
7 100,000.00), depending on the gravity and seriousness of such non-compliance.

8 **SEC. 28. ABOLITION OF EXISTING GOVERNMENT BODIES.** The
9 National Statistics Office, the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics of the Department of
10 Agriculture, the Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics of the Department of
11 Labor and Employment, and the National Statistical Coordination Board shall be
12 abolished and their appropriations, records, properties, and personnel shall be
13 transferred to the PSA.

14 **SEC. 29. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.** The PSA shall carry out the
15 reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System in such a manner that personnel of
16 the agencies absorbed by the PSA shall continue to perform their respective duties
17 and responsibilities in a holdover capacity so as not to unduly delay the production of
18 statistics from ongoing censuses, surveys and processing of administrative records.

19 **SEC. 30. EARLY RETIREMENT, SEPARATION PAY AND OTHER**
20 **BENEFITS.** Personnel of the merged agencies who will not be absorbed into the new
21 staffing pattern due to redundancy or failure to comply with the standards of
22 competence and proficiency, or who will be offered positions under the new staffing
23 pattern but who decline such appointment by reason of diminution in rank, benefits
24 and work conditions, or who are offered positions under the new staffing pattern
25 without any diminution in rank, benefits and work conditions but who decline such
26 appointment, if qualified, shall be given the option to avail themselves of any of the
27 following, whichever is beneficial to them:

28 (a) Retirement gratuity provided under R.A. No. 1616 (An Act Further
29 Amending Section Twelve Of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred

Eighty-Six, As Amended, By Prescribing Two Other Modes Of Retirement And For Other Purposes). as amended, payable by the last employer of the affected personnel, plus the refund of retirement premiums payable by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), without the incentive herein provided

(b) Retirement benefit under R.A. No. 660 (An Act To Amend Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred and Eighty-Six Entitled "An Act To Create And Establish A Government Service Insurance System, To Provide For Its Administration, And To appropriate The Necessary Funds Therefor," And To Provide Retirement Insurance And For Other Purposes) or applicable retirement, separation or unemployment benefit provided under R.A. No. 8291 (An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 1146, As Amended, Expanding And Increasing The Coverage And Benefits Of The Government Service Insurance System, Instituting Reforms Therein And For Other Purposes) if qualified, plus the following applicable incentives.

b.1. $\frac{1}{2}$ month of the present basic salary for every year of government service and a fraction thereof, for those who have rendered 20 years of service and below,

b.2. $\frac{3}{4}$ month of the present basic salary for every year of government service and a fraction thereof, computed starting from the 1st year, for those who have rendered 21 to less than 31 years of service, and

b.3. 1 month of the present basic salary for every year of government service and a fraction thereof, computed starting from the 1st year, for those who have rendered 31 years of service and above

In addition, the affected personnel shall be entitled to the refund of PAG-IBIG contributions, and the commutation of unused vacation and sick leave credits.

SEC. 31. FUNDS FOR REORGANIZATION. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be taken from funds

1 available to the agencies enumerated in Section 28 hereof. Additional requirements
2 shall be charged to the appropriations under the current General Appropriations Act.
3 Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act
4 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

5 **SEC. 32. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The PSA
6 Board together with the PSA, the PSRTI, the NEDA and other concerned agencies of
7 government that may be determined by the PSA Board, shall formulate the
8 implementing rules and regulations of this Act within ninety (90) days after its
9 approval. Such rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after their
10 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

11 **SEC. 33. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part, section or provision of
12 this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, no other parts, sections or provisions
13 thereof shall be affected thereby.

14 **SEC. 34. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Executive Order No. 121 is hereby
15 repealed. All other laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances, or
16 parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified
17 accordingly.

18 **SEC. 35. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Act shall take effect upon its
19 approval.

20 Approved,

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House Bill No. _____

(Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 1382, 2205, 3220 & 3334)

(As Approved on March 21, 2011)

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE ENTITLED "REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Representatives Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales II, and Tomas V. Apacible

*Committee Referral: **Committee on Economic Affairs (Primary)**
Committee Chairperson: **Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI***

*Committee Referral: **Committee on Government Reorganization (Secondary)**
Committee Chairperson: **Hon. Cesar Jalosjos***

OBJECTIVES:

- To reorganize the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) in order to allow the centralization of data collection and improve statistical coordination therein.
- To promote the orderly development of a statistical system capable of providing timely, reliable, accurate and useful data for the government and the public.
- To support regionalization and decentralization through the establishment of the infrastructure necessary to service the regional statistical needs of Filipinos.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) through the integration of the National Statistics Office (NSO), the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), the Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES), and the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) into an agency called Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

- Requires the PSA to prepare a Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) in response to the requirements of development planning and policy formulation.
- Establishes the PSA offices composed of the following: 1) Sectoral Statistics Office, 2) Censuses and Technical Coordination Office, 3) Civil Registration and Central Support Office, and the 4) Field Statistical Services comprising of the regional offices and provincial statistical offices.
- Provides for the creation of the Philippine Statistical Research & Training Institute (PSRTI), which shall develop a comprehensive and integrated research and training program for the promotion of the statistical system and serve as repository of all statistical researches and studies to be generated by the PSA.
- Penalizes respondents who fail to give truthful and complete answer to statistical inquiry of one (1) year imprisonment and a fine ranging from One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 500,000.00) and, for those who violate the confidentiality of information (including parties within PSA Board and PSA), a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00), and/or imprisonment of three (3) months but not to exceed one (1) year.

RELATED LAWS:

- Executive Order Number One Hundred Twenty-One (EO 121) "Reorganizing And Strengthening The Philippine Statistical System And For Other Purposes"