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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2270

Submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology on
25 JUN 2012

Re : House Bill No. **6364**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4596

Sponsor : Representative Sigfrido R. Tiña

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Information and Communications Technology to which was referred House Bill No. 4596 introduced by Rep. Anna York P. Bondoc, entitled:

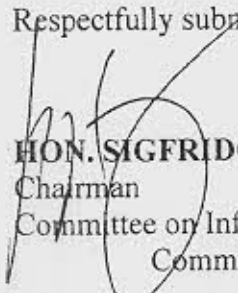
“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **6364**
entitled

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4596 with Representatives Anna York P. Bondoc, Sigfrido R. Tinga, Teddy A. Casino, Raymond V. Palatino, Benjo A. Benaldo, Roman T. Romulo, Joel Roy R. Duavit, Ben P. Evardone, Rene L. Relampagos and Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


HON. SIGFRIDO R. TIÑA
Chairman
Committee on Information and
Communications Technology

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House Bill No. **6364**

(In Substitution of House Bill No. 4596)

Introduced by Representatives Anna York P. Bondoc, Sigfrido R. Tinga, Teddy A. Casino, Raymond V. Palatino, Benjo A. Benaldo, Roman T. Romulo, Joel Roy R. Duavit, Ben P. Evardone, Rene L. Relampagos, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. and Rufus B. Rodriguez

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Mobile Telephone
2 Number Portability Act of 2012."

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to ensure and promote
4 public interest and convenience in the country. The remarkable growth of mobile telephone
5 subscribers indicates that telecommunications is a public service needing reasonable
6 regulation so that the interest of consumers or mobile telephone subscribers can be better
7 protected. In view of this, the State shall promote the right of the consumers to choose the
8 type of telecommunications service and the service provider that best suit their needs.

9 **SEC. 3. Applicability.** - The provisions in this Act shall apply to all mobile telephone
10 service providers who are holders of a franchise and have been issued a Certificate of Public
11 Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) or Provisional Authority (PA) from the National
12 Telecommunications Commission (NTC).

13 The option of telephone number portability may be availed of by natural or juridical
14 subscribers with mobile postpaid account and/or mobile prepaid account duly registered with
15 the telephone service provider.

16 **SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.** - As used in this Act, the following terms are defined as
17 follows:

1 switch from a mobile postpaid account to a mobile prepaid account and vice versa has
2 no existing liability or outstanding obligations with the service provider.

3 The implementation of this Act shall be at no additional cost to the consumers.

4 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** - The National Telecommunications Commission shall
5 immediately include in the Commission's programs the implementation of this Act, the initial
6 funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
7 Commission. Thereafter, such sums as maybe necessary for the continued implementation of
8 this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

9 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** - The provisions of this Act are hereby deemed distinct
10 and separable from each other. If any provision hereof be declared invalid or
11 unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions
12 which shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, orders, issuances and rules and regulations or
14 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
16 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

17 Approved,

FACT SHEET

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(In Substitution of House Bill No. 4596)

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY ACT OF 2012

Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE ANNA YORK P. BONDOC

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY*

Committee Chairperson: REP. SIGFRIDO R. TIÑGA

OBJECTIVE:

- To promote easy and expedient mobile phone usage by allowing the convenient transfer of a mobile phone subscriber from one service provider to another whether postpaid or prepaid or vice versa, without changing their mobile telephone number.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Requires all mobile telephone service providers to provide the subscribers the option to retain their numbers at no extra cost.
- Allows number portability is allowed under the following conditions:
 - a) The subscriber has duly registered his/her name and mobile telephone number with the originating service provider;
 - b) The subscriber has no existing liability or outstanding obligations with the originating service provider.
- Provides that the option of telephone number portability may also be availed of by natural or juridical subscribers with account duly registered with the service provider.