

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 5077



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party List Representative**
Hon. Francisco Ashley L. Acedillo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to grant Philippine Citizenship to Mr. Ali Maheronnaghsh, an Iranian national who has been residing in the Philippines since 2003.

Mr. Maheronnaghsh was born on March 27, 1985 in Isfahan, Iran from parents Mostafa Maheronnaghsh and Badrialsadat Hasheminejad who are Iranian nationals. Mr. Maheronnaghsh moved to the Philippines in 2003 and completed his degree of Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Management (BSEM) from the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) in 2008. As a college student, he actively participated in community service and extracurricular activities as an active member of the International Student Organization (ISO) of UA&P. He organized cultural activities such as the Cultural Exhibit for ISO UA&P in 2005 & 2006. This event served as the liaison between the Iranian Culture Section and the Iranian community in the Philippines. The ISO was responsible for organizing seminars and cultural exhibitions for countries such as South Korea, Iran, China, Philippines and United States.

Having lived in the Philippines for the better part of a decade, Mr. Maheronnaghsh has embraced the Filipino culture, while looking forward to the opportunity to share different cultures to his young Filipino peers. A highly business-minded person, he has been involved in his family's business since the age of nine. His exposure to business at his early stage of life developed his competency in financial management. His thesis made a significant impact to the library of studies and research in the University of Asia and the Pacific and even won the "Best Business Plan Award" in 2007. Mr. Maheronnaghsh plans to apply this same business acumen into the country as a citizen of the Philippines.

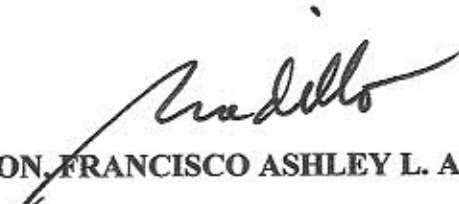
In 2014, he completed his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business (AGSB). With his passion in delivering service to the Filipino community, he served as Project Coordinator of the "Dream A Little Dream" Fundraising Project in October 2010. The project was able to raise a total amount of Three Million Pesos (Php 3,000,000) to fund the procurement of X-ray machines for the Pediatric Section of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

Building on his knowledge of leadership, management, and finance, he regularly conducts free sessions to impart the same to the youth of this country.

With several years of experience in medium-to-large multinational and Philippine companies, Mr. Maheronnaghsh is eager to further develop his entrepreneurial skills by pursuing a career in the very dynamic work environment of the Philippines such as business, marketing, consultancy and business process outsourcing (BPO) industries. He believes that he can contribute more to Filipino society and to the country, with his skills and influence to excel in business to provide better livelihood to Filipinos.

In view of the above-mentioned and consistent with Section 1 (4), Article IV of the 1987 Constitution, the undersigned seeks to confer Philippine citizenship to Mr. Ali Maheronnaghsh and to bestow upon him all the rights and corresponding obligations appurtenant thereto as a Filipino citizen.

In view of the foregoing issues, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ALI MAHERONNAGHSH

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

SECTION 1. Ali Maheronnaghsh is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all rights, privileges, and duties appurtenant thereto and with the same affects and subject to the same conditions as provided under the Constitution.

SECTION 2. Upon the taking of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to him of the Certificate of Naturalization, Ali Maheronnaghsh shall enter upon the full employment of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.