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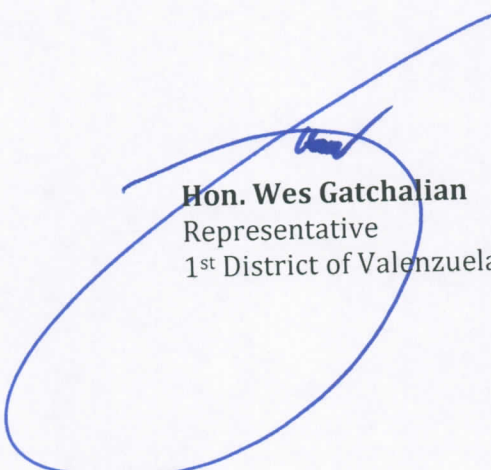
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EPLANATORY NOTE

A strong nation lies on a strong economy. A strong economy lies on strong people. People are strong when they are empowered and given enough opportunities to participate in the nation building. People empowerment comes in various forms. On the part of the government, it may be promoted by at least ensuring that the basic government services are available even on the farthest regions of the country. However, these words and thoughts are also often unmatched by deeds for even in the simplest processing of the documentary requirements, our countrymen would always encounter unnecessary difficulties, which are brought primarily by the distance between the government agencies that issue these documentary requirements. It is under this premise why in this bill it is proposed that a one-stop government shop for all Filipinos be now institutionalized.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF
A ONE STOP GOVERNMENT SHOP FOR ALL FILIPINO WORKERS

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

Section 1. *Statement of Policy.* – This Act is adopted to enable the following State policies:

- a. It is the policy of the State to promote and protect the welfare of the people, in each and every endeavor of the government, by providing access for everyone to the basic government services.
- b. It is the policy of the State to empower each and every region of the country, and deliver the needed services of the government, not only within the confines of the capital, but as well, to the remotest of our provinces.
- c. It is the policy of the State to expedite/streamline the processing and release of all government permits and requirements, including every document or certification that our people need.
- d. It is the policy of the State to help the people become free of the unnecessary burdens that come along with government bureaucracy.

Section 2. *Institutionalization of a One Stop Government Shop.* – The government shall create a one-stop government shop for all the regions in the Philippines that shall house a satellite office for the various government offices that process and issue the common documentary permits and requirements needed by the people, including but not limited to the following government offices:

- a. Bureau of Immigration (BI), for the processing and issuance of a Departure Clearance Information, and other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;

- b. Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for the verification and authentication of school credentials, and the processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- c. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), for all passport services, and the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- d. Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- e. Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance/revalidation of Seaman's Book, and the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- f. National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), for the processing and issuance of an NBI Clearance, and other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- g. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), for the processing of OWWA Membership/Renewal of Membership, and other documentary permits and requirements, and the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- h. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- i. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), for the documentation/registration of workers, verification/certification of OFCW records, processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- j. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)/ National Statistic's Office (NSO), for the processing and issuance of civil registry documents, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- k. Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of a Professional License, and the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;

- l. Social Security System (SSS), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- m. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), for assistance for Competency Assessment, verification of certificates and special order, requests for training and scholarship programs, the processing of other documentary permits and requirements, and the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed;
- n. Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), for the Travel Tax Payment, processing of Travel Tax Exemption and Reduced Travel Tax, processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be any needed; and
- o. Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), for the processing and issuance of documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of the necessary authentication/certification, if there be needed.

Section 3. *One Stop Government Shop Provincial Offices.* – For the attainment of the above purpose, each and every provincial government in the entire Philippine archipelago, except for Metro Manila, shall reserve an appropriate office space in the capitol building, which shall house the proposed One Stop Government Shop.

Section 4. *One Stop Government Shop in the National Capital Region.* – In Metro Manila, each and every local government in the said cities and municipalities shall also reserve an appropriate office space in the Cityhall or Municipal building as the case may be, which shall house the proposed One Stop Government Shop.

Section 5. *Manpower requirement.* – All government agencies required to participate in the One Stop Government Shop Program shall be required to provide each of its satellite offices housed in a One Stop Government Shop a qualified personnel, with no less than six (6) months of experience at the office, who shall oversee the day to the operation in the said satellite offices, and the conduct of the necessary coordination with the respective central offices of all the government agencies concerned. Likewise, the housing/sponsoring local government/provincial government, upon the request of any and all participating government agency herein, shall assign/designate contractual worker or workers to the said requesting government agency or agencies.

Section 6. *Office Facilities.* – All government agencies required to participate in the One Stop Government Shop Program shall be required to provide each of its satellite offices housed in a One Stop Government Shop at least one (1) set of computer, with all the required accessories, including scanner and printer. For purposes of uniformity, it shall be the duty of the housing/sponsoring local

government/provincial government to install/provide the necessary office tables, chairs, and the telephone and internet facility to One Stop Government Shop.

Section 7. *Funding.* - The funds for the establishment, development, and the day to day operation of the One Stop Government Shop offices across the entire Philippines shall be provided for in the general appropriations act; however, the maintenance of these offices shall be on account of the local government/provincial government concerned. Likewise, the facility mentioned in the next preceding paragraph, and as well the payment of the contractual workers mentioned under Section 5 of this bill shall be on the account of the local government/provincial government concerned.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,