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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sociopolitical dynamics in the Philippines have now made it necessary for the government to institute a national ID system. The pragmatism of it is one that goes without saying. Best practice in bureaucratic procedures will be had when all a citizen has to present in all his or her transactions is a single integrated ID. A great many Filipinos missed out on great opportunities just for the lack of a valid ID. A national ID system with features of a state-of-the-art chip containing biometric information and updatable civil and economic status would save both the government and the citizen considerable time and money in ascertaining such information.

A serialized ID system is also in the best interest of national security. Where all citizens are accounted for, terrorists and criminals working under the veil of anonymity would simply fall through.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is most earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the 'Integrated National Identification System Act.'

SEC. 2. Establishment of the Integrated National Identification System. – There shall be established an Integrated National Identification System for persons residing in the Philippines. The national identification card so issued shall serve as a valid proof of identity of the person indicated therein.

SEC. 3. Qualifications. – All persons from the age of sixteen and above legally residing in the Philippines shall be qualified to register for the national identification card. Foreign nationals who wish to register for the same must be legally staying in the Philippines for at least six months with the appropriate documentation as required by law.

SEC. 4. The Identification Card. – Persons who register for the national identification card shall be issued an Identification Card with a permanent serial number, photograph and the following personal data of the person registering:

- a) Full name;
- b) Residence Address;
- c) Date of Birth;
- d) Sex;
- e) Height and Weight;
- f) Nationality;
- g) Civil Status; and
- h) Signature

SEC. 5. Registration. – Persons qualified to register for the national identification card shall apply for the same at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the municipality or city where he or she is located. No person shall be allowed to register for a National Identification Card more than once.

SEC. 6. Form and Content. – The national identification card shall contain the following data: name, age, date and place of birth, citizenship, name of spouse, residence (permanent), occupation or profession, place of work or office address, thumbprint, signature and photograph of its holder. It shall also have a permanent serial number for every card holder.

The information given by every applicant for a national identification card shall be under oath. Anyone who provides false and misleading information in securing a national identification card shall be liable for prosecution under the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

SEC. 7. Change of Personal Status and Residence. – Any change in citizenship, status or residence of a national identification card holder shall be reported to the proper Local Civil Registrar within sixty (60) days after the change occurs.

SEC. 8. Penal Provisions. – Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) and/or an imprisonment of six (6) months but not exceeding one (1) year, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. Appropriations. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated as operating funds of the PSA for this purpose. Thereafter, funds as are necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act shall be appropriated annually in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – Any provision of law, decrees, orders, rules and regulations contrary hereto is hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 12.. Effectivity. –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,