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HOUSE BILL NO. 7314

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Government shall provide efficient services for the public. The government processes must not be denied nor unduly burden the public from availing the same. Given the technological advancement, these processes can be expedited proficiently with the aid of proper legislation and efficient implementation.

The State can accomplish this goal by the process of sharing information between different government agencies, departments, instrumentalities and entities whether government owned or controlled corporation and by establishing a central office named National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO) that will facilitate, store and manage the information and the proper documentation of the same.

The creation of this office will serve as an agent for the public in terms of assistance and to facilitate the processing of applications, clearances, documentation and permits between inter-governmental agencies.

In consideration of the foregoing premises, the passage of the bill is urgently sought.

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Representative
First District of Bulacan

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AN ACT
STREAMLINING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS, CLEARANCES
AND PERMITS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CREATING A NATIONAL
INFORMATION COORDINATING OFFICE TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the “Streamlining of Information Sharing Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. A National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO) is hereby created under the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to coordinate with government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, to manage the flow and sharing of information as well as provide the needed documentation in inter-government transactions.

SECTION 3. All national government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations shall be required to share and provide data and/or documentation through the National Information Management and Coordinating Authority (NIMCA) when needed.

SECTION 4. It shall be the responsibility of a national government agency, when processing applications, clearances and permits requested by its clients that require validation / authentication / documentation / documentary requirements from other national government agencies, to act as the requesting party in behalf of said clients with the NIMCO. The NIMCO shall coordinate with the national government agencies concerned regarding the aforementioned requirements, which shall provide the same to NIMCO which in turn will forward these to the requesting national agency.

SECTION 5. The transfer of information shall be done through electronic means. It shall be the responsibility of NIMCO to incorporate security features and authentication procedures when managing the data in its possession before passing on the data or documentation needed to the requesting party. The NIMCO shall also establish its own protocols and standards aimed at serving each request using the minimum time possible. All national agencies shall also establish protocols and standards in transacting with the NIMCO aimed for the same purpose.

SECTION 6. The requesting party shall collect the appropriate fee from the client for the processing of his request, in addition, the client shall also be charged for the processing fees based on the schedule of fees on documents or other services rendered or needed by the client as provided by the different national government agencies. In addition, the requesting party shall collect an administrative fee for NIMCO shall be placed in a trust account for remittance to the

National Treasury, which will then remit the same to the NIMCO and the national agency to which the collection is due.

SECTION 7. The funding needed for the establishment and operation of the National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO) shall be immediately included in the General Appropriations Act under the budget of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) upon the passage of this Act.

SECTION 8. The DICT shall formulate and issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary within 90 days after the passage of this Act for the efficient and effective implementation of all provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum circulars inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,