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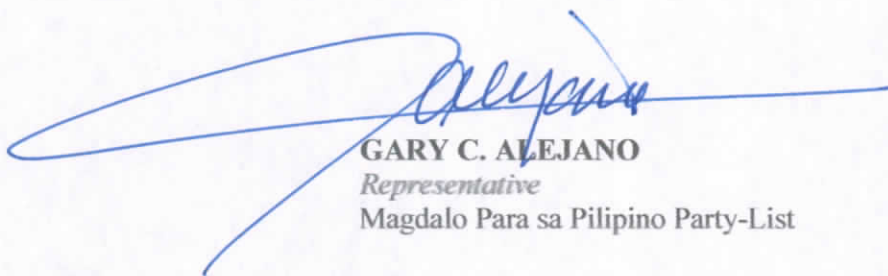
Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The public is reserved the right to be informed on how their hard-earned money is used to pay for consultants hired by the government. Moreover, there is a need for the public to be appraised as to whether or not the consultancy fees that these consultants are paid with corresponds to the quality of service these consultants actually render. The disclosure of the government's foreign consultants also subjects to scrutiny if the services of such consultants are of paramount importance and cannot, at least presently, be rendered by our own experts.

Under this Act, the Government, its agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations shall be required full disclosure of the identity, nature of work, and compensation of foreign consultants under their employ.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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1 c. The terms and conditions of the consultancy agreement entered into by the
2 Government office, specifying therein the particular services that the consultant is expected
3 to perform.
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5 **SEC. 5. Publication.**—The office of the Executive Secretary shall maintain a centralized
6 data-file of all foreign consultants hired by the government, its agencies, bureaus, instrumentalities,
7 including government-owned or controlled corporations. In January of every year, the Office of the
8 Executive Secretary shall cause the publication of the list of foreign consultants hired or retained by
9 the Government, whether for the full year or for only a part thereof, in at least two newspapers of
10 general circulation.
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12 **SEC. 6. Penalties.**—The head of any branch, subdivision, instrumentality, and agency of the
13 government, including a government-owned or controlled corporation or its subsidiary that violates
14 section 3 and 5 of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifteen thousand pesos
15 (15,000), but not more than sixty thousand pesos (60,000) and imprisonment of not less than six (6)
16 years or both at the discretion of the court. Those convicted shall be perpetually disqualified from
17 holding public office. Upon conviction by the proper regional trial court, the official convicted shall
18 likewise be suspended immediately from office and shall remain suspended pending the final
19 outcome of any appeal he or she shall have taken in the case.
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21 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.**—All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to
22 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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24 **SEC. 11. Separability Clause**—If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
25 same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.
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27 **SEC. 12. Effectivity**—This Act shall take effect immediately following its publication in
28 two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette, whichever takes place earlier.

Approved,

