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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are a lot of issues confronting the Philippine statistical, civil registration and identification systems. To cite a few are the lack of attractive compensation and benefits package, and well-pronounced and adequately funded programs directed towards human resources development in statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification sectors which had become the primary reasons for the fast pacing turn-over of our talented and promising assets of the government to the private companies.

Our statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification sectors workers are exposed to hazardous elements and hostile environment in the performance of their avowed duties and services to the Filipino people. Moreover, we are living witnesses that statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system (SCRIPS) personnel are among the first to respond before and after the occurrence of disasters despite the immeasurable risks to their lives and loved ones. However, despite these immense contributions, little effort has been exerted to address the plight of our statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers.

The current initiatives of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) should further be enhanced in our desire to promote and sustain a culture of relevant, reliable and responsive statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification that the Philippines should possess as an emerging tiger economy in Asia.

It is recognized that statistical and civil registration had contributed substantial amount to the coffers of the national government. With this, it is but just and proper that our statistical, civil registration and PhilSys personnel relish the fruits from these successful undertakings in recognition of their diligence and commitment in the processing, evaluation and monitoring of statistical data, civil registration documents and Philippine ID to every Filipino.

We need a reservoir of talent and manpower that will sustain our drive for accessible, reliable, real time and sustainable statistical, civil registration and PhilSys in various parts and sectors of the society. This noble bill is expected to ensure a reservoir

of talent who are adequately provided with compensation and benefits at par with the private sector and other measures that shall address the issues confronting the human resources of the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys sectors.

In addition, the full implementation of the PhilSys translates to unprecedented increases of services that the PSA shall cater hence, this bill would complement with the necessity of enhancing its capacity by mandating, among others, the creation of additional Deputy National Statisticians, transfer of the administrative and operational management, control and supervision of the Local Civil Registrars and their staff from the Local Government Units (LGUs) to PSA and the officials and employees of which shall automatically be transferred to and absorbed by the Local Statistics Office to be established in each City and Municipality of the Philippines, and establishment of the Philippine Statistics Attaché in each Philippine Embassy and Consular Office or clusters thereof. This proposal bill also mandates for the Local Chief Executives to provide or donate adequate lots owned by their respective LGUs to be exclusively used for the construction of buildings and structures and operations of the Field Offices (Regional, Provincial, District or Satellite Offices and City and Municipal Local Statistics Office) to be located in various administrative region, districts and Local Government Units in the Philippines. The Office of the President, DBM and Congress of the Philippines shall ensure sufficient funding for the construction of PSA buildings and structures including the hiring of personnel necessary for the planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation of statistical, civil registration, and PhilSys programs, projects, activities as well as the implementation of this noble legislation.

Therefore, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE STATISTICAL, CIVIL REGISTRATION
AND PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WORKERS OF THE PHILIPPINES,
AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

2 SECTION 1. **Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Magna Carta for the
3 Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System Workers of the
4 Philippines” or “Magna Carta for SCRIPS Workers in the Philippines.”
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6 SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes statistical, civil registration
7 and Philippine identification system as essential elements for the attainment of sustained
8 national development and progress. To attain this objective, it is hereby declared the
9 policy of the State to provide for a program of human resources development in statistical,
10 civil registration and Philippine identification system sectors to achieve and maintain the
11 necessary reservoir of talent and manpower that will sustain its drive for accessible,
12 affordable and sustainable statistical, civil registration and Philippine Identification system
13 (PhilSys) services in various parts and sectors of the society.
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15 The State shall establish, promote and support programs leading to the realization
16 of this objective, such as scholarship programs, improvement of the quality of statistical,
17 civil registration and Philippine identification system education, popularization and
18 sustainability of statistical, civil registration and identification culture, and provision of
19 incentives for pursuing careers in statistical, civil registration and identification system and
20 its allied degree programs.
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22 SEC. 3. **Definition of Terms.**
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- 24 (a) CSC – refers to Civil Service Commission created pursuant to Article IX-B
25 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution headed by a Chairperson
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27 (b) DBM – refers to Department of Budget and Management created pursuant
28 to Executive Order No. 25 dated April 25, 1936, as amended, headed by
29 a Secretary.
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31 (c) NEDA – refers to the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)
32 created pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 107, s. 1973, as amended,
33 headed by a Director General equivalent to a Department Secretary.
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1 (d) Philippine Statistics Authority or PSA – refers to the Agency created and
2 headed by a National Statistician and Civil Registrar General which is
3 attached on policy coordination to the NEDA pursuant to Republic Act No.
4 10625 otherwise known as the “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013” whose
5 mandates and functions are expanded and enhanced pursuant to Republic
6 Act No.11055 otherwise known as the “Philippine Identification System
7 Act”.

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9 (e) Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System
10 (SCRIPS) Programs, Activities and Projects – all systematic programs,
11 activities and projects which are closely concerned with the generation or
12 gathering, processing, presentation and dissemination of statistical data
13 and results, processing and delivery of civil registration documents, and
14 the processing of issuance and renewal of identification (ID) cards of every
15 Filipino citizens pursuant to existing laws, and all undertakings that are
16 necessary for the proper, effective and efficient implementation of the
17 Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) formulated by the
18 PSA Board, Philippine Civil Registration Program (PCRP) and the
19 Philippine Identification System Program (PISP) formulated by the PSA,
20 and duly approved by the President of the Philippines.

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22 (f) Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System
23 (SCRIPS) Workers or Personnel – shall be composed of personnel as
24 classified below:

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26 1. Statistical Workers – refer to all officials and personnel of the PSA who
27 are directly responsible in the planning, formulation, processing,
28 execution, monitoring and evaluation of statistical programs, activities
29 and projects including the Philippine Statistical Research and Training
30 Institute (PSRTI);

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32 2. Civil Registration Workers – refer to all officials and personnel of the
33 PSA, and the Local Civil Registrars and their respective staff, whose
34 administrative and operational management, control and supervision
35 shall be transferred from Local Government Units (LGUs) to the PSA,
36 and who are directly responsible in the planning, formulation,
37 processing, execution, monitoring and evaluation of civil registration
38 programs, activities and projects and as defined in applicable laws,
39 rules and regulations.

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41 3. Local Statistics Office Workers – refer to the officials and personnel of
42 the Local Statistics Office (LSO) duly established under the Philippine
43 Statistics Authority to replace the Office of the Civil Local Registrars in
44 each of the City and Municipal- Local Government Unit (LGU) or
45 clusters thereof to discharge the mandates and functions related to
46 statistics, civil registration and PhySys as the National Statistician and
47 Civil Registrar General (NSCRG). For this purpose, the officials and
48 personnel including assets and properties of the Local Civil Registrars
49 in Section 3(f)(2) above are hereby automatically be transferred to and
50 be used for the operations and management of the Local Statistics
51 Office in each City or Municipal LGU. Moreover, the compensation and
52 benefits enjoyed by the incumbent officials and personnel of the Civil
53 Local Registrars prior to the effectivity of this Act shall continually be
54 provided subject to relevant DBM policies, and the budgetary
55 requirements thereof including the MOOE and capital outlay of the LSO
56 shall be included in annual general appropriations of PSA;

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4. Philippine Statistics Attaché Workers – refer to the officials and personnel of the Philippine Statistics Attaché duly established under the Philippine Statistics Authority in each of the Philippine Embassy or Consular Office or clusters thereof to discharge functions related to statistics, civil registration and PhilSys as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General (NSCRG);
 5. PhilSys Workers – refer to all officials and personnel of PSA and other government agencies who are directly responsible in the planning, formulation, processing, execution, monitoring and evaluation of PhilSys programs, activities and projects and as defined in applicable laws, rules and regulations; and
 6. Associate Workers – refer to the personnel who are outsourced workers hired by service providers duly organized pursuant to existing laws including faculty members of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Local State Universities (LUCs) whose primary duties to assist the workers above.

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SEC. 4. *Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System Workers of the Philippines Career System.* – A career system for statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers or personnel in the service of the government shall be formulated by the PSA in coordination with the CSC.

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SEC. 5. *Classification of Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System Workers of the Philippines Personnel.* – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers or personnel may be classified in the following categories:

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- (a) Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System Managers, Supervisors, Policy-makers, and Planners. – Those who are graduate degree holders or have at least two (2) years of managerial and supervisory experience or are performing executive, managerial, legal, financial, administrative, planning and policy-making functions to effectively carry out the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys related activities and projects as defined in Section 3(e) of this Act.

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Provided, That for personnel who occupy third level positions, comprised of above Division Chief to Deputy National Statistician and their equivalents, must be appointed by the President of the Philippines to the appropriate Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) rank in accordance to the pertinent policies and regulations promulgated by the Career Executive Service Board (CESB);

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- (b) Members of the Statistical, Civil Registration and PhilSys career system;
 - (c) Researchers. – Those who are at least undergraduate or bachelor's degree holders in any of the statistics, research, information and communication technology (ICT), engineering, law, public administration, economics, social sciences, psychology, humanities, education, management and such allied fields and are involved in the conduct of data generation or gathering, processing and statistical, civil registration and PhilSys activities and projects as defined under Section 3(c) of the act including those engaged in research and development on statistical, civil registration and PhilSys; and

- 1 (d) Technicians, Enumerators, Associates and related Statistical, Civil
2 Registration and Philippine Identification System Personnel. – Those who
3 obtained at least twelve (12) units in statistics, research, information and
4 communication technology (ICT), engineering, law, public administration,
5 economics, social sciences, psychology, humanities, education, management
6 and such allied fields and allied courses or any appropriate training as
7 determined by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General and are
8 providing administrative and support services to Statistical, Civil Registration
9 and PhilSys officials and personnel enumerated in the three (3) preceding sub-
10 sections.

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12 SEC. 6. **Salaries.** – The existing law on salary scales of government employees
13 shall not apply in determining the salary scale of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys
14 personnel as defined in Section 5 of this Act. A new salary scale shall be developed by
15 the PSA in consultation with the DBM and CSC, subject to the approval of the President
16 of the Philippines.

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18 SEC. 7. **Other Benefits.** – Notwithstanding Section 12 of Republic Act No. 6758,
19 statistical, civil registration and PhilSys personnel defined under Section 5 of this Act shall
20 receive the following:

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22 (a) **Honorarium.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel
23 who rendered services beyond the established regular workload and whose
24 broad and superior knowledge, expertise or professional standing in a specific
25 field contributes to productivity and innovativeness shall be entitled to receive
26 honorarium subject to rules to be set by the PSA.

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28 The Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, Members and Secretariat of
29 governing boards or technical committees of the PSA created by law and
30 regulations such as, but not limited to, the Philippine Statistical Board,
31 Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute and such committees
32 duly created by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General under
33 Republic Act No. 10625, PhilSys Policy and Coordinating Council (PSPCC)
34 created under Republic Act No. 11055 or the "Philippine Identification System
35 Act," and applicable laws, rules and regulations shall be entitled to reasonable
36 honorarium as prescribed by the DBM, and reimbursement of actual expenses
37 incurred for their attendance during meetings, seminars, conferences and
38 official functions subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and
39 regulations.

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41 (b) **Share from Government Shares, Fees and Charges from Supervision**
42 **and Regulation.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and
43 personnel shall be entitled to receive share from government shares, fees and
44 charges from supervision and regulation subject to guidelines of the NEDA
45 Director General upon the recommendation by the National Statistician and
46 Civil Registrar General. At least five percent (5%) of the total collections from
47 government shares, fees and charges shall be retained to be exclusively used
48 or utilized to support the financial requirements on the implementation of this
49 Act for the personnel involved in statistical, civil registration and PhilSys
50 programs, activities and projects which has been produced or undertaken
51 during the regular performance of their functions.

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53 For the purpose of this Act, the collection shall refer to the sum charged
54 and collected from acknowledgements, applications, certifications,
55 endorsements, processing fees, violation fines/penalties and other reasonable
56 payments in connection with the enforcement of statistical, civil registration

and PhilSys laws and implementation of related programs, activities and projects thereof;

(c) **Hazard Allowance.** – Statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system official and personnel involved in hazardous undertakings or assigned in hazardous workplaces to conduct periodic data gathering, processing of requests, inspection, evaluation and monitoring of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys related projects and activities shall be paid hazard allowances ranging from ten (10%) to thirty (30%) percent of their monthly basic salary depending on the nature and extent of the hazard involved. The following shall be considered hazardous workplaces:

(1) Radiation-exposed laboratories and service workshops;

(2) Remote/depressed areas;

(3) Areas declared under a state of calamity or emergency;

(4) Strife-torn or embattled areas;

(5) Laboratories and other disease-infested areas;

(6) Electrical machine and mechanical rooms;

(7) Pressure vessels and other steam generating facilities; and

(8) Areas, establishments or Statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system and related facilities where statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system personnel or inspectors or monitoring teams are directly or imminently exposed to hazardous vapors, products and toxic fumes (substances).

(d) **Subsistence Allowance.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel shall be entitled to full subsistence allowance equivalent to three (3) meals a day, which may be computed and implemented in accordance with the criteria to be provided in the implementing rules and regulations hereof. Those assigned out of their regular work stations shall be entitled to per diem in place of the allowance;

(e) **Laundry Allowance.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel who are required to wear a prescribed uniform during office hours shall be entitled to a laundry allowance of not less than One hundred fifty pesos (Php150.00) a month;

(f) **Housing and Quarter Allowance.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel who are on duty in laboratories, statistical, civil registration and Philippine ID system offices and research and development centers and other government facilities shall be entitled to free living quarters within the government facility where they are stationed: *Provided*, That the personnel have their residence outside of the fifty (50)- kilometer radius from such government facility;

(g) **Longevity Pay.** – A monthly longevity pay equivalent to five percent (5%) of the monthly basic salary shall be paid to statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system official and personnel for every five (5) years

of continuous and meritorious service as determined by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General;

- (h) **Medical Examination.** – During the tenure of their employment, statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel shall be given a compulsory free medical examination once a year and immunization as the case may warrant. The medical examination shall include:

- (1) Complete physical examination;
- (2) Routine laboratory, Chest X-ray and ECG;
- (3) Psychometric examination;
- (4) Dental Examination;
- (5) Drug Test; and
- (6) Other indicated examination authorized by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.

- (i) **Family and Home Visit Allowance.** – To further enhance the recruitment process and mobility of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel, a monthly family and home visit allowance shall be provided to statistical, civil registration and PhilSys personnel comprised of free transportation during Saturdays and Sundays or Holidays only. *Provided, That* the personnel have their residence outside of the fifty (50)- kilometer radius from work assignment;

- (j) **Incremental Performance-Based Bonus.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys official and personnel shall be provided of at least twenty (20%) percent additional performance-based bonus if the total annual agency accomplishment has surpassed by one hundred (100%) percent during the period covered as verified by the DBM;

- (k) **Cost-Cutting Measures and Systems Improvement (CCMSI) Incentive.** – The Cost-Cutting Measures and Systems Improvement (CCMSI) incentive shall be provided to both the management and rank-and-file employees of PSA with approved and successfully implemented agreement in recognition of their effort in accomplishing performance targets at lesser cost, in attaining more efficient and viable operations through cost-cutting measures and systems improvement subject to the pertinent issuances by the DBM. *Provided, That* for employees of outsourced service providers, the CCMSI incentive may only be granted upon showing of the agency's/institution's fiscal and financial viability;

- (l) **Hardship Allowance.** – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers who performed physical work performed in hazardous environments such as, the data gathering, conduct of inspections, evaluation and monitoring of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys related activities and projects be covered by Hardship Allowance of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) per day;

- (m) **Maternity or Paternity Leave.** – Subject to rules and regulations promulgated jointly by the PSA and CSC, statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers, both public and private, shall be granted of one hundred

(150) days leave, with full pay based on average weekly or regular wages, regardless if the delivery was normal or caesarian.

Subject to the approval by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, an additional maternity leave of thirty (30) days, without pay, can be availed of, at the option of the employee.

(n) **Annual Performance on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE).** – Subject to applicable laws and CSC rules and regulations, each official and personnel of the statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system shall be entitled to annual PRAISE both monetary and non-monetary subject to the implementing guidelines as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may prescribe and duly approved by the CSC; and

(o) **Paalam-Salamat and Send-off Incentives.** – Subject to applicable laws and CSC rules and regulations, each retiring official and personnel of the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys shall be entitled to Paalam-Salamat and Send-off Incentive in the amount of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) per retiree, regardless of position, subject to the implementing guidelines as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may prescribe and duly approved by the CSC.

(p) **People's Transparency and Freedom of Information (PTFOI) Processing Incentives.** - Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers who are involved or assigned to and obtained consistent at least very satisfactory performance in the processing of related transactions and requests under people's transparency and freedom of information shall be entitled to PTFOI Processing Incentive.

Provided, That the amounts of the benefits or incentives provided above shall be indexed to the inflation as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may determine duly approved by the DBM.

SEC. 8. Non-PSA Personnel. – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys personnel not employed by the PSA such as, but not limited to, outsourced personnel as defined under Section 3 hereof who are involved in statistical, civil registration and PhilSys activities and projects including the officials and faculty members of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), may avail of the benefits under this Act upon certification of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.

SEC. 9. Scholarships and Grants. – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys officials and personnel in public and private sectors shall be entitled to avail of scholarship benefits and grants pursuing undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate or training courses in accordance with a Scholarship Program to be implemented by the PSA. Grantees of the program may study within the Philippines or abroad provided that the PSA shall provide strict measures to ensure their return to the country to render the service obligation.

Recipients of undergraduate scholarships shall, after graduation, be required to render service in the government for the equivalent number of years that they availed of their scholarships. However, in case where there are no available positions in the government, they may be allowed to work in the private sector.

Scholarship privileges may be on a full-time or part-time basis and shall include tuition fee, book allowance, transportation allowance, monthly stipend, dissertation grants, insurance and the payment of regular salary and other benefits.

For this purpose, the Human Resource Development Council created under Republic Act No. 8248 shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement the Scholarship Program provided in this Act.

SEC. 10. *Honorarium for Other Services.* – Officials and personnel of the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys shall be allowed to render consultancy services to the private sector and shall be entitled to receive such honorarium that may be paid to them by the private entity concerned. Such payments shall be over and above their salary from the government during the period of the consultancy and shall not be considered as double compensation: *Provided*, That the consultancy work will not jeopardize or adversely affect the operations or activities of his/her originating office or constitute conflict of interest of his/her duties and responsibilities therein: *Provided, further*, That the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General approves such consultancy.

SEC. 11. *Detail to the Private Sector and Industry Immersion.* – Notwithstanding to the provisions of existing laws, officials and personnel including researchers or enumerators or technicians and statistical, civil registration and PhilSys and related personnel who are employed on a regular basis in the government, whether or not they are conferred any rank under the Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System Career System, shall hereby be allowed secondment to any private entity whenever such services are required: *Provided*, That the duration of such service with a private entity shall not exceed one (1) year: *Provided, further*, That the detail or secondment of said personnel will not hamper or adversely affect the operations or activities of his/her originating office or constitute conflict of interest of his/her duties and responsibilities therein: *Provided, finally*, That the concerned head of the agency approves such detail or secondment.

During the period of such secondment, payment of the seconded employee shall be borne by the seconding private entity covered by a contract. The period of secondment shall be used in computing the retirement benefits but not for the commutation of leave credits earned. Such secondment shall not likewise affect his security of tenure nor result in the loss of seniority rights subject to guidelines on secondment in the IRR of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Provision Against Double Benefits.* – Statistical, civil registration and PhilSys officials and personnel already receiving the same benefits under any other law shall not be allowed to avail of the benefits under this Act unless they submit in writing their intention to withdraw the benefits already being received and opt for those provided hereunder.

SEC. 13. *Highest Basic Salary Upon Retirement.* – Upon retirement, the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys officials and personnel concerned shall automatically be granted one (1) position higher than his/her current position and his/her retirement benefits shall be computed on the basis of the equivalent salary of the next higher position/rank.

Upon retirement, the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys officials and personnel concerned shall also be granted retirement gratuity based on the total length of service (converted into gratuity months) multiplied by the highest basic salary of the higher position/rank provided above in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 1616 or "An Act Further Amending Section Twelve of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred Eighty-Six, as Amended, By Prescribing Two Other Modes of Retirement and For Other Purposes."

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2 *Provided*, That the existing retirement benefits shall continually be applied should
3 the same be more higher or advantageous to the personnel concerned.
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5 **SEC. 14. *Prohibition Against Diminution and/or Elimination.*** – Nothing in this
6 law shall be construed to eliminate or in any way diminish benefits being enjoyed by
7 statistical, civil registration and PhilSys officials and personnel at the time of the effectivity
8 of this Act.
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10 **SEC. 15. *Hiring of Retired Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine***
11 ***Identification System Personnel.*** – An official or employee retired under any existing
12 law, who, in the judgment of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General,
13 possesses managerial or technical qualifications and the capability to undertake
14 statistical, civil registration and Philippine identification system related activities, projects
15 and mandates, may be rehired on contractual basis without refunding the unexpired
16 portion of the gratuity and accumulated leave benefits received by him/her from the
17 Government: *Provided*, That no qualified statistical, civil registration and Philippine
18 identification system expert or applicant is available to undertake said statistical, civil
19 registration and PhilSys activities and projects.
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21 **SEC. 16. *Government Scholars and Training Grantees.*** – Graduates or
22 grantees of government statistical, civil registration and identification system scholarship
23 programs or trainings shall be given temporary waiver of CSC eligibilities for at least two
24 (2) years and access to financial grants from any government agency authorized to extend
25 grants and loans with easy terms from government financing institutes, for statistical, civil
26 registration and PhilSys projects which are viable and in line with the development thrust
27 of the country.
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29 **SEC. 17. *Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System***
30 ***(SCRIPS) Awards.*** – There shall be established Statistical, Civil Registration and
31 Philippine Identification System (SCRIPS) Awards Committee which shall confer annually
32 the Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System of the Philippines
33 Awards for outstanding achievement/s and excellence or original contribution to
34 innovation and continual improvement of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys services
35 and technologies.
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37 The Committee, to be constituted by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar
38 General within fifteen days upon the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate the guidelines
39 in implementing this Section and shall specify the categories of awards to be given and
40 the amount of financial reward for each category. Further, the Chairperson, Vice
41 Chairperson and Members including the Technical Staff of the Committee shall be entitled
42 with the benefits provided under 2nd paragraph of Section 7 (a) of this Act.
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44 **SEC. 18. *Congressional Commission on Statistical, Civil Registration and***
45 ***Philippine Identification System.*** – There is hereby created a Congressional
46 Commission on Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification (SCRIPS Com)
47 to review and assess among others, the state of the Philippine human resources
48 development in statistical, civil registration and PhilSys sector, the state of
49 computerization and information technology in the statistical, civil registration and
50 Philippine identification system activities and projects, and the implementation of this Act.
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52 The Commission shall be composed of five (5) Members of the House of
53 Representatives and five (5) Members of the Senate. It shall be Co-chaired by the
54 Chairpersons of the Committees concerned of both Houses of Congress. Such
55 congressional review shall be undertaken at least once every two (2) years.
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1 SEC. 19. **Authority of the PSA to Collect, Manage and Disburse Income.** – To
2 supplement the implementation of this Act, the PSA is hereby authorized to collect any
3 amount for the fees and charges on statistical, civil registration and PhilSys programs,
4 activities and projects due for the government.
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6 At least five percent (5%) of the total collections shall be retained and deposited
7 in trust accounts in the authorized government depository banks to be exclusively
8 managed and disbursed by the PSA to support the implementation of this Act subject to
9 usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
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11 SEC. 20. **Establishment and Management of the Sectoral and Field Offices,**
12 **and the Administrative and Operational Management, Control and Supervision of**
13 **Local Civil Registrars Duly Absorbed by the Local Statistics Office.** – To further
14 enhance the efforts, and ensure proper and efficient implementation of statistical, civil
15 registration and PhilSys and in the discharge of the mandates of the PSA under relevant
16 laws and in this Act, the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General shall be assisted
17 by five (5) Deputy National Statisticians (DNS) with equivalent position to an Assistant
18 Secretary of a Department: (a) Senior Deputy National Statistician, (b) DNS for Finance
19 and Administration Services and Regional Operations, (c) DNS for Civil Registration and
20 PhilSys, (d) DNS for Sectoral Statistics, and (e) DNS for Censuses and Technical
21 Coordination and each DNS shall have at least two (2) Assistant National Statisticians
22 (ANSs) with equivalent position to a Bureau Director of a Department, and is hereby
23 authorized to create Field Offices comprised of Regional, Provincial and District/Satellite
24 Offices for every Philippine administrative regional, provincial or district subdivision, and
25 the Local Statistics Office in each City and Municipality and/or Clusters thereof with
26 adequate manpower, facilities, equipment and resources necessary in carrying out their
27 respective mandates, regulatory authority, and duties. In addition, the administrative and
28 operational management, control and supervision of Local Civil Registrars and their staff
29 are hereby transferred from the Local Government Units (LGUs) to the PSA which shall
30 be absorbed by its Local Statistics Office duly established in each City and Municipality
31 or clusters thereof as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may prescribe.
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33 The Field Offices shall be under the direct administrative supervision and control
34 of the Office of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General or any designated
35 official of the PSA and each Regional Office shall be headed by a Regional Director with
36 equivalent position to a Director IV of a Department who shall be assisted by at least two
37 (2) Assistant Regional Directors with equivalent position to a Director III of a Department
38 while the Provincial and/or District/Satellite and Local Statistics Offices shall be headed
39 by District/Satellite/Local Officer with equivalent position to a Director I of a Department
40 who shall be assisted by at least two (2) Assistant District/Satellite Directors with
41 equivalent position of at least Division Chief, and they shall have adequate staff of various
42 administrative and technical divisions or units as the case may be, in accordance with the
43 organizational staffing patterns approved by the Department of Budget and Management.
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45 The current employees of the PSA in its field offices and the Local Civil Registrars
46 shall be given priority in the hiring and filling-up of positions in various Field Offices and
47 Local Statistics Offices so created.
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49 Hiring, promotions and other personnel actions of the officials and employees shall
50 be subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.
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52 Further, Local Chief Executives concerned shall allocate and donate adequate
53 lots or areas for the construction of buildings and structures, and sustained operations of
54 the PSA Field Offices in their respective Municipal/City/Provincial or Regional government
55 centers, as the case may be. For this purpose, the DBM and Congress of the Philippines
56 shall ensure sufficient amounts for the procurement of buildings, structures, equipment,

1 facilities and materials and hiring of necessary personnel for the PSA Field Offices and
2 Local Statistics Office are included in the annual National Expenditure Program (NEP)
3 and General Appropriations Act (GAA) as separate line item budget under the Capital
4 Outlay of the PSA.

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6 **SEC. 21. *Research and Development (R&D) Statistical, Civil Registration and***
7 ***Philippine Identification System.*** – The PSA shall, in consultation with the
8 stakeholders, formulate a short-term, medium-term and long-term Research and
9 Development (R&D) on Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System
10 complementary to the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP), Philippine
11 Civil Registration Program (PCRP) and the Philippine Identification System Program
12 (PISP), and local and national development plans and thrusts.

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14 **SEC. 22. *Funding.*** – The amount necessary to fully implement this Act shall be
15 sourced from the savings of PSA and/or funds provided in the General Appropriations Act
16 (GAA) of the year following its enactment into law under the budgetary appropriations of
17 the PSA subject to usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

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19 **SEC. 23. *Annual Report.*** – The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General
20 of PSA shall submit to the Congressional Commission on Statistical, Civil Registration
21 and Philippine Identification (SCRIPS Com), an annual report of the status of
22 implementation of this Act.

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24 **SEC. 24. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** – The NEDA Director
25 General, Secretary of the DBM, and the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General
26 of PSA, in consultation with government and nongovernment agencies involved in
27 statistical, civil registration and PhilSys activities and projects, shall jointly formulate the
28 implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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30 **SEC. 25. *Repealing Clause.*** – Pertinent provisions of Act No. 3753 (Civil Registry
31 Law), Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), and Republic Act No.
32 10625 (Philippine Statistical Act of 2013), Republic Act No. 11055 (Philippine
33 Identification System Act), and all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts
34 thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed
35 accordingly.

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37 **SEC. 26. *Separability Clause.*** – The provisions of this Act are hereby declared
38 separable. In the event that any provision hereof is rendered unconstitutional, those that
39 are not affected shall remain valid and effective.

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41 **SEC. 27. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately after publication in
42 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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44 Approved,