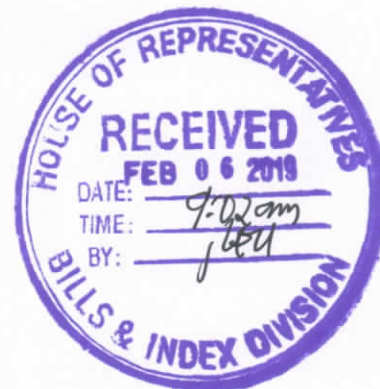


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR STATISTICAL AND
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. ***Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Magna Carta for Statistical and Registration Workers.*”

SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to promote the efficient and effective delivery of statistical services, civil registration functions and the deployment of a resilient Philippine Identification System (PhilSys). The State further recognizes statistical services, civil registration and the PhilSys as essential elements for the attainment of sustained national development and progress. Towards this end, the State shall provide for a program of human resource development in the statistical, civil registration, and the PhilSys sectors to achieve and maintain the necessary reservoir of talent and manpower that will sustain its drive for accessible, affordable and sustainable statistical, civil registration, and PhilSys services in various parts and sectors of the society.

SEC. 3. *Scope of Application.* – This Act shall cover all statistical and registration workers in the public sector, and to the extent provided under this Act, those in the private sector.

For purposes of this Act, “*statistical and registration workers*” include the following:

a) *Statistical workers* – refer to all officials and personnel of the PSA who are directly responsible for the planning, formulation, processing, execution, monitoring and evaluation of statistical programs, activities and projects including the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI);

b) *Civil registration workers* – refer to all officials and personnel of the PSA, and the Local Civil Registrars and their respective staff who are directly responsible for the planning, formulation, processing, execution, monitoring and evaluation of civil registration and vital statistics programs, activities and projects and as defined in applicable laws, rules and regulations;

c) *Local Statistics Office workers* – refer to the officials and personnel of the Local Statistics Office duly established by the PSA to replace the Office of the Civil Local Registrars in each of the cities and municipalities or clusters thereof to discharge functions related to statistics, civil registration, and PhilSys as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may determine;

d) *Philippine Statistics Attaché workers* – refer to the officials and personnel of the Philippine Statistics Attaché duly established under the PSA in

each of the Philippine Embassy or Consular Office or clusters thereof to discharge functions related to statistics, civil registration and vital statistics, and PhilSys as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General (NSCRG) may determine;

e) *PhilSys workers* – refer to all officials and personnel of the PSA and other government agencies who are directly responsible for the planning, formulation, processing, execution, monitoring and evaluation of PhilSys programs, activities and projects and as defined in applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

f) *Associate workers* – refer to outsourced workers hired by service providers duly organized pursuant to existing laws including faculty members of State universities and colleges (SUCs), and local universities and colleges (LUCs) whose primary duties are to assist the other statistical and registration workers enumerated under this section.

SEC. 4. *Public Statistical and Registration Workers Career System.* – A career system for statistical and registration workers in the government service shall be formulated by the PSA in coordination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

SEC. 5. *Classification of Statistical and Registration Workers.* – Statistical and registration workers are classified in the following categories:

a) *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, planning, internal audit, administrative, human resource, finance, procurement, and policy-making functions to effectively carry out the statistical, civil registration and PhilSys (SCRIPS) programs, activities and projects;

b) Members of the statistical and registration 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 SCRIPS programs, activities and projects including those engaged in research and development on statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and the PhilSys; and

d) Technicians, enumerators, associates and related statistical, civil registration and PhilSys workers – Those who obtained at least twelve (12) units in statistics, research, ICT, engineering, law, public administration economics, social sciences, psychology, humanities, education, management and such allied fields and allied courses or any appropriate training as determined by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General and are providing administrative and support services to statistical and registration workers enumerated in the three (3) preceding sub-sections.

For purposes of this Act, “*statistical, civil registration and PhilSys (SCRIPS) programs, activities and projects*” refer to all systematic programs, activities and projects which are closely concerned with the generation or gathering, processing, presentation and dissemination of statistical data and results, processing and delivery of civil registration documents, vital statistics, and the processing of issuance and renewal of identification cards of every Filipino citizen pursuant to existing laws, and all undertakings that are necessary for the proper, effective and efficient implementation of the Philippine Statistical Development Program formulated by the PSA Board, the Philippine Identification System Program formulated by the PhilSys Policy and Coordination Council, and the Philippine Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Program formulated by the PSA, and duly approved by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 6. ***Salaries.*** – The existing law on salary scales of government employees shall not apply in determining the salary scale of statistical and registration workers. A new salary scale shall be developed by the PSA in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and CSC, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 7. ***Other Benefits.*** – Notwithstanding Section 12 of Republic Act No. 6758, as amended, otherwise known as the “*Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989,*” statistical and registration workers shall be entitled to the following:

a) *Honorarium* – Statistical and registration workers who render services beyond the established regular workload and whose broad and superior knowledge, expertise or professional standing in a specific field contributes to productivity and innovativeness are entitled to receive honorarium subject to rules to be set by the PSA.

The chairpersons, vice chairpersons, members and secretariat of governing boards or technical committees of the PSA created by law and regulations such as the PSA Board, Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute and such committees duly created by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General under Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the “*Philippine Statistical Act of 2013*,” PhilSys Policy and Coordinating Council created under Republic Act No. 11055, otherwise known as the “*Philippine Identification System Act*,” Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Committees created pursuant to existing laws, international treaty or United Nations conventions or policies, and applicable laws, rules and regulations, are entitled to reasonable honorarium as prescribed by the DBM, and reimbursement of actual expenses incurred for their attendance during meetings, seminars, conferences and official functions subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

b) *Share from proceeds of fees and charges from supervision and regulation* – Statistical and registration workers are entitled to receive their share from the proceeds of fees and charges from supervision and regulation subject to the guidelines promulgated by the Director General of the National

Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) upon the recommendation of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.

At least five percent (5%) of the total collections from fees and charges shall be retained and exclusively utilized to support the financial requirements for the implementation of this Act for statistical and registration workers involved in SCRIPS programs, activities and projects which has been produced or undertaken during the regular performance of their functions.

For purposes of this Act, the collection shall refer to the sum charged and collected from acknowledgments, applications, certifications, endorsements, processing fees, violation fines or penalties and other reasonable 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 and registration workers involved in hazardous undertakings or assigned in hazardous workplaces to conduct periodic data gathering, censuses, surveys, processing of requests, inspection, evaluation and monitoring of SCRIPS programs, activities, and projects are entitled to hazard allowances ranging from ten percent (10%) to thirty percent (30%) 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 or 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

PhilSys and related facilities where statistical and registration workers are directly or imminently exposed to hazardous vapors, products and toxic fumes or substances.

d) *Subsistence allowance* – Statistical and registration workers are 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 of this Act. Those assigned out of their regular work stations shall be entitled to per diem in place of the allowance;

e) *Laundry allowance* – Statistical and registration workers who are required to wear a prescribed uniform during office hours are entitled to a laundry allowance of not less than One hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) a month;

f) *Housing and quarter allowance* – Statistical and registration workers who are on duty in laboratories, statistical, civil registration, and PhilSys offices and research and development centers and other related government facilities are entitled to free living quarters within the government

facility where they are stationed: *Provided*, That the statistical and registration workers availing of the housing and quarter allowance 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 and registration workers 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 workers 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 electrocardiogram;
- (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 and registration workers, a monthly family and home visit allowance shall be provided to them comprising of free transportation during Saturdays and Sundays or holidays only:

Provided, That the statistical and registration workers have their residence outside of the fifty (50)- kilometer radius from their work assignment;

j) *Incremental performance-based bonus* – Statistical and registration workers shall be provided at least twenty (20%) percent additional performance-based bonus if the total annual agency accomplishment was surpassed by one hundred (100%) percent during the period covered, as verified by the DBM;

k) *Cost-cutting Measures and Systems Improvement Incentive* – The Cost-Cutting Measures and Systems Improvement Incentive shall be granted to both the management and rank-and-file employees of PSA with approved and successfully implemented agreement in recognition of their efforts 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 associate workers, the Cost-Cutting Measures and Systems Improvement Incentive may only be granted upon showing of the agency's fiscal and financial viability;

l) *Hardship allowance* – Statistical and registration workers who perform physical work in hazardous environments such as the data gathering, censuses, surveys, conduct of inspections, evaluation and monitoring of SCRIPS programs, activities and projects are entitled to hardship allowance of Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per day;

m) *Maternity leave* – Subject to rules and regulations promulgated jointly by the PSA and CSC, statistical and registration workers, shall be

granted one hundred fifty (150) days maternity 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, statistical and registration workers are 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;

o) *Paalam-Salamat and send-off incentives* – Subject to applicable laws and CSC rules and regulations, each retiring statistical and registration worker shall be entitled to Paalam-Salamat and send-off incentives in the amount of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) 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; and

p) *People's transparency and freedom of information (PTFOI) processing, ease of doing business and data privacy protection incentives* – Statistical and registration workers who are involved or assigned and consistently obtain at least very satisfactory performance in the processing of

related transactions and requests under the people's transparency and freedom of information regulations are entitled to PTFOI processing, ease of doing business, and data privacy protection incentives as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may prescribe and duly approved by the CSC.

The amounts of the benefits or incentives provided under this section shall be indexed to the inflation as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may determine and duly approved by the DBM.

SEC. 8. *Non-PSA Personnel.* – Statistical and registration workers not employed by the PSA including outsourced personnel as provided under Section 3 of this Act who are involved in SCRIPS programs, activities and projects, including the officials and faculty members of SUCs and LUCs under Section 10 of this Act, may avail of the benefits under this Act upon certification by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.

SEC. 9. *Scholarships and Grants.* – Statistical and registration workers 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 cases 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 Science and Technology Human Resource Development Council created under Republic Act No. 7687, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994*," shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement the scholarship program provided in this Act.

SEC. 10. *Related Degree Programs and Trainings in Higher Education Institutions.* – To further enhance the implementation of the policies under Section 2 of this Act, offering of statistical, civil registration, and identification system related degree programs shall be mandatory to SUCs with mandates and curricular offerings or programs provided in their respective charters that include, among others, statistics, safety and security, science and technology. Other LUCs including private higher education institutions shall also be encouraged to offer statistical, civil registration, and identification system related degree programs.

The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General or a duly authorized representative may be appointed as member of the governing boards of SUCs and LUCs offering statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and identification system related programs to ensure that it shall be complementary and contributory to the Philippine Statistical Development Program, Philippine Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Program and the Philippine Identification System Program and related thrusts of the National Government.

SEC. 11. *Honorarium for Other Services.* – Statistical and registration workers in the government 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 the originating office or constitute conflict of interest of duties and responsibilities therein: *Provided, further*, That the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General approves of such consultancy service.

SEC. 12. *Detail to the Private Sector and Industry Immersion.* – Notwithstanding the provisions of existing laws, statistical and registration workers who are employed on a regular basis in the government, whether or not they are conferred any rank under the Public Statistical and Registration Workers 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 the originating office or constitute conflict of interest of duties and responsibilities therein: *Provided, finally*, That the concerned head of the agency approves of such detail or secondment.

During the period of such secondment, payment of the seconded official or 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 the security of tenure nor result in the loss of seniority rights subject to guidelines on secondment in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SEC. 13. *Exemption from the Attrition Law and Rule on Nepotism.* – Except for third level positions, appointment of statistical and registration workers to positions equivalent to salary grade ten (SG 10) and above shall not be covered by the Attrition Law and the CSC rule on nepotism in consideration of the highly technical nature of these positions.

SEC. 14. *Prohibition Against Double Benefits.* – Statistical and registration workers 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 not to avail of the benefits already being received and opt for those provided under this Act.

SEC. 15. ***Highest Basic Salary Upon Retirement.*** – Upon retirement, the statistical and registration workers concerned shall automatically be granted an increase of one (1) position higher than the current position and the retirement benefits shall be computed on the basis of the highest salary received.

Upon retirement, the statistical and registration workers 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 or rank provided above in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 1616, entitled “*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.*”

Existing retirement benefits shall continue to be applied should the same be higher or more advantageous to the statistical and registration workers concerned.

SEC. 16. ***Prohibition Against Diminution of Benefits.*** – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to eliminate or in any way diminish benefits being enjoyed by statistical and registration workers at the time of the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 17. ***Hiring of Retired Statistical and Registration Workers.*** – A statistical and registration worker retired under any existing law, who, in the

judgment of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, possesses managerial, legal, planning, human resource, administrative or technical qualifications and the capability to undertake SCRIPS programs, activities, and projects, may be rehired on contractual basis without refunding the unexpired portion of the gratuity and accumulated leave benefits received by the retiree from the government: *Provided*, That no qualified statistical and registration worker is available to undertake said SCRIPS programs, activities and projects.

SEC. 18. ***Government Scholars and Training Grantees.*** – Graduates or grantees of government statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and identification system scholarship programs or trainings shall be given temporary waiver of CSC eligibilities for at least two (2) years and preferential access to financial grants from any government agency authorized to extend grants and loans with easy terms from government financing institutes, for statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and PhilSys projects which are viable and in line with the development thrust of the country.

SEC. 19. ***Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System (SCRIPS) Awards.*** – There shall be established the Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification System (SCRIPS) Awards Committee which shall confer annually the SCRIPS Awards for outstanding achievement and excellence or original contribution to innovation and continual improvement of statistical, civil registration and PhilSys services and technologies.

The Committee, to be constituted by the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General within fifteen (15) days upon the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate the guidelines implementing this section and shall specify the categories of awards to be given and the amount of financial reward for each category. The chairperson, vice chairperson and members including the technical staff of the Committee shall be entitled to honorarium provided under the second paragraph of Section 7(a) of this Act.

SEC. 20. ***Congressional Oversight Committee.*** – There is hereby created a Congressional Oversight Committee on Statistical, Civil Registration and PhilSys to review and assess, among others, the state of the Philippine human resources development in the statistical, civil registration, and PhilSys sector, the state of computerization and information technology in the SCRIPS programs, activities and projects, and the implementation of this Act.

The Committee shall be composed of five (5) Members of the House of Representatives and five (5) Members of the Senate. It shall be co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Committees concerned of both Houses of Congress. The Congressional review shall be undertaken at least once every two (2) years.

SEC. 21. ***Authority to Collect, Manage and Disburse Income.*** – To supplement the implementation of this Act, the PSA is hereby authorized to collect fees and charges on SCRIPS programs, activities and projects on behalf of the government.

At least five percent (5%) of the total collections shall be retained and deposited in trust accounts in authorized government depository banks to be exclusively managed and disbursed by the PSA to support the implementation of this Act subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 22. *Sectoral and Field Offices; Administrative and Operational Management of Local Civil Registrars.* – To further enhance the efforts, and ensure the proper and efficient implementation of statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and PhilSys and in the discharge of the mandates of the PSA under relevant laws and in this Act, the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, shall be assisted by five (5) Deputy National Statisticians with equivalent position or rank of Assistant Secretary of a Department: one (1) Senior Deputy National Statistician, one (1) for finance and administration services and regional operations, one (1) for civil registration, vital statistics and PhilSys, one (1) for sectoral statistics, and one (1) for censuses and technical coordination. Each Deputy National Statistician shall have at least two (2) Assistant National Statisticians with an equivalent position or rank of a Bureau Director.

The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General is hereby authorized to create field offices comprised of regional, provincial and district or satellite offices for every administrative regional, provincial or district subdivision, and the Local Statistics Office in each city and municipality or clusters thereof with

adequate manpower, facilities, equipment and resources necessary in carrying out their respective mandates, regulatory authority, and duties.

The administrative and operational management, control and supervision of Local Civil Registrars and their staff are hereby transferred from the LGUs to the PSA which shall be absorbed by its Local Statistics Office duly established in each city and municipality or clusters thereof as the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General may prescribe.

The field offices shall be under the direct administrative supervision and control of the Office of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General or any designated official of the PSA. Each regional office shall be headed by a Regional Director with a position equivalent to a Director IV of a department who shall be assisted by at least two (2) Assistant Regional Directors with a position equivalent to a Director III of a department.

The provincial, district or satellite and Local Statistics Offices shall be headed by a provincial, district or satellite, and Local Statistics Officer, respectively, with a position equivalent to a Director I of a department and who shall be assisted by at least two (2) assistant district or satellite directors with a position equivalent to at least a division chief. They shall have adequate staff of various administrative and technical divisions or units as the case may be, in accordance with the organizational staffing patterns prescribed by the NSCRG, duly approved by the Department of Budget and Management.

Personnel who occupy third level positions, from division chief to Deputy National Statistician and their equivalent, must be appointed by the President of the Philippines to the appropriate Career Executive Service Officer rank in accordance with the pertinent policies and regulations promulgated by the Career Executive Service Board

SEC. 23. *Hiring of Personnel in Field Offices.* – The current officials and employees of the PSA in its field offices and the Local Civil Registrars shall be given priority in the hiring and filling-up of positions in various field offices and local statistics offices created pursuant to this section.

Hiring, promotions and other personnel actions of the officials and employees shall be subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 24. *Allocation for Lots and Buildings of Field Offices.* – Local chief executives concerned may allocate and donate adequate lots or areas for the construction of buildings and structures, and sustained operations of the PSA Field Offices in their respective municipality, city, provincial or regional government centers, as the case may be.

Sufficient amounts for the procurement of buildings, structures, equipment, facilities and materials and hiring of necessary personnel for the PSA field offices and local statistics offices are included in the annual National Expenditure Program (NEP) and General Appropriations Act (GAA) as separate line item budget under the Capital Outlay of the PSA.

SEC. 25. ***Research and Development.*** – The PSA shall, in consultation with the stakeholders, formulate a short-term, medium-term and long-term research and development program on statistical, civil registration and vital statistics, and PhilSys complementary to the Philippine Statistical Development Program, Philippine Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Program and the Philippine Identification System Program, and local and national development plans and thrusts.

SEC. 26. ***Funding.*** – The initial amount necessary to implement this Act shall be sourced from the savings of PSA and from funds provided under the budgetary appropriations of the PSA in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law subject to usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 27. ***Annual Report.*** – The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General shall submit to the Congressional Commission on Statistical, Civil Registration and Philippine Identification an annual report on the status of implementation of this Act.

SEC. 28. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, NEDA Director General, Secretary of Budget and Management, and the CSC, in consultation with other government and nongovernment agencies involved in implementing SCRIPS programs,

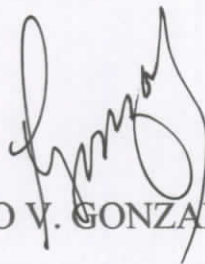
activities and projects, shall jointly formulate the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 29. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts thereof not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 30. ***Repealing Clause.*** – Pertinent provisions of Act No. 3753, also known as the “*Law on Civil Registry Status*,” Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the “*Local Government Code of 1991*,” and Republic Act No. 10625, also known as the “*Philippine Statistical Act of 2013*,” Republic Act No. 11055, also known as the “*Philippine Identification System Act*,” and all other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 31. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



FERNANDO V. GONZALEZ

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