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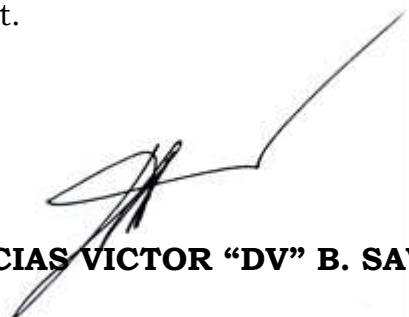
EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the roll out of vaccination programs in the Philippine and other countries, national authorities and conveyance operators are now introducing requirements of proof of COVID-19 vaccination for international travel as a condition for departure or entry.

Although vaccination status can easily be captured via digital means, the ability to uniquely identify an individual and validate vaccination status requires international cooperation, orchestration across complex systems and widespread adoption of open interoperability standards to support secure data access or exchange.

There is a need to develop specifications and guidance for using digital technologies for documenting vaccination status which will include a required minimum data set, standards for interoperability and recommended governance, digital functionality, and systems architecture.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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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 "*Philippine
Vaccine Status Act.*"

**SECTION 2. Creation of an Integrated Vaccine Status Recording and
Certification System.** – There is hereby created a vaccine status
recording and certification system which shall have the following features:

- (a) there should be a secure central database which will contain both national and international sourced data on vaccine status;
- (b) the system should be compliant with the World Health Organization and ICAO guidelines to ensure international recognition;
- (c) the system should be interoperable with existing and recognized national contact tracing system and DOH certified laboratories;
- (d) the Quick Response (QR) code on the vaccination certificates to be issued must be readable both online and offline;
- (e) the vaccine certificates should serve as an individual's proof of vaccination;

(f) despite different LGU systems on vaccine documents, the documents should be integrated into the database/centralized system and should be recognized by other countries;

(g) the system should be updated whenever there is a new vaccine available;

(h) the system should be integrated with our national ID system.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The lead agency for the implementation of the System shall be the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19.

The IATF on COVID-19 in coordination with the Department of Health, the Department of Tourism, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Transportation shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,