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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5579



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** shall primarily be responsible for the implementation of the objectives and provisions of **R.A. 10625, R.A. 11055, and R.A. 11315**.

It shall plan, develop, prescribe, disseminate, and enforce policies, rules and regulations, and coordinate government-wide programs governing the production of official statistics, general purpose statistics, civil registration services and inclusive identification system.

It shall primarily be responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, community-based statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems, and compilation of national accounts.

This House Bill seeks to provide **Modernization Funding** to the **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)**, to Deliver relevant and reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system for equitable development towards improved quality of life for all.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDINGFOR THE
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), INCREASING AND
REORGANIZING ITS ADMINISTRATION, TO DELIVER
RESPONSIVE, AND WORLD-CLASS AUTHORITY ON QUALITY
STATISTICS, EFFICIENT CIVIL REGISTRATION, AND INCLUSIVE
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It shall hereby be a declared policy of the State to deliver relevant and reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system to our clients and stakeholders.

We adhere to the **UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics** in the production of quality general-purpose statistics.

The state shall deliver efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations, and other statutory requirements.

The state shall endeavor to live by the established core values of the PSA and adapt the appropriate technology in the development of our products and delivery of services to ensure customer satisfaction.

The state shall continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System towards equitable development for improved quality of life for all.

The state shall formulate policies for the efficient and effective administration and management of all manpower, skills and competencies to ensure compliance.

SECTION 2. MODERNIZATION FUNDING. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (**Php 500,000,000.00**) for the operation and administration of the **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** shall be chargeable against funds for the purpose and other sources recommended by the **Department of Budget and Management (DBM)**. Thereafter, appropriations for the **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** shall be included in the budget proposals under the **National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)**.

The Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**) shall rationalize the existing organizational structure and staffing pattern of the **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** in accordance with the provisions of this Act and relevant compensation and position classification laws, rules and regulations.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

SECTION 3. PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) MODERNIZATION FUND – There is hereby created the (**PSA**) *Modernization Fund* to be used exclusively for the (**PSA**) *Modernization Program*.

The **(PSA)** *Modernization Fund* shall be administered by the Secretary of the **NEDA** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of **NEDA** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the **(PSA)** *Modernization Programs* which shall be submitted, to the Office of the President and to the Chairpersons of the Committee Economic affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of two **(2)** years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That the **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. – The **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** shall continue to exercise and uphold the following powers and functions; but not limited to:

1. Serve as the central statistical authority of the Philippine government on primary data collection;
2. Prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy;

- 3.** Collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic and general activities and condition of the people;
- 4.** Prepare and conduct statistical sample surveys on all aspects of socioeconomic life including agriculture, industry, trade, finance, prices and marketing information, income and expenditure, education, health, culture, and social situations for the use of the government and the public;
- 5.** Carry out, enforce and administer civil registration functions in the country as provided for in Act 3753, the Law on Registry of Civil Status;
- 6.** Collaborate with departments of the national government including GOCCs and their subsidiaries in the collection, compilation, maintenance and publication of statistical information, including special statistical data derived from the activities of those departments, corporations and their subsidiaries;
- 7.** Promote and develop integrated social and economic statistics and coordinate plans for the integration of those statistics, including the national accounts;
- 8.** Develop and maintain appropriate frameworks and standards for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data;
- 9.** Coordinate with government departments and local government units (LGUs) on the promotion and adoption of statistical standards involving techniques, methodologies,

concepts, definitions and classifications, and on the avoidance of duplication in the collection of statistical information;

- 10.** Conduct continuing methodological, analytical and development activities, in coordination with the PSRTI, to improve the conduct of censuses, surveys and other data collection activities;
- 11.** Recommend executive and legislative measures to enhance the development of the statistical activities and programs of the government;
- 12.** Prepare, in consultation with the PSA Board, a Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP);
- 13.** Implement policies on statistical matters and coordination, as directed by the PSA Board, and;
- 14.** Perform other functions as may be assigned by the PSA Board and as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of RA 10625.

SECTION 7. INCREASE OF PERSONNEL. – The shall maintain the sufficient staffing pattern. Hence, it is authorized to increase its manpower to meet such required and may continue to increase personnel per percentage rate increase of committed mandates annually or as the need arises.

SECTION 8. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,