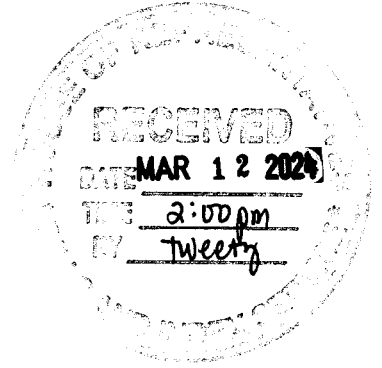




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HOUSE BILL NO. **10121**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A DIGITAL PRISON RECORDS SYSTEM BY THE BUREAU OF
CORRECTIONS AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing the urgent need to adapt to rapidly evolving technological landscapes, this bill mandates the establishment of a state-of-the-art digital system by the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

This system will not only securely store and manage data related to persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) but also facilitate swift and efficient access to these records for courts, legal assistance, and other relevant government and private entities.

The digitalization of PDLs' records is a significant step towards expediting the administration of justice, enabling more efficient case management, and ensuring transparency within detention and correctional facilities.

By leveraging technology, this bill aims to enhance the effectiveness of judicial processes and improve oversight and accountability in the treatment of PDLs, thereby contributing to a fairer, more transparent, and efficient justice system.

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

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

1 **SECTION. 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the “Digital Prison Record
2 System Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to promote efficiency,
4 transparency, and accuracy in the administration of justice. By harnessing technology, the
5 government aims to improve the management of information and records concerning persons
6 deprived of liberty.

7 **SEC. 3. Establishment of the Digital Prison Records System.** - The Bureau of
8 Corrections (BuCor) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) shall establish
9 a computerized system to be known as the “Digital Prison Records System” (System) designed
10 to store, manage and share information related to persons deprived of liberty, their cases,
11 relevant court records and other related matters. Pursuant to this, the BuCor and the BJMP shall

undertake the digitalization and migration to the System of their paper-based documents and records concerning persons deprived of liberty under their respective custody.

SEC. 4. Accessibility and Integration. - The System shall be accessible to law enforcement agencies and the courts through their duly authorized officers and agents and to the legal counsel of the persons deprived of liberty subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act. As far as practicable, the System shall be integrated to the existing records management system of law enforcement agencies as well as the courts upon the assent of the Supreme Court.

SEC. 5. Data Security and Privacy. - The System shall be kept secure and free from interference and unauthorized access and for this purpose it shall be equipped with security measures to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the stored information and data. Personal and sensitive information shall be processed and shared in compliance with existing data protection laws and regulations.

SEC. 6. Training and Capacity Building. - The BuCor and the BJMP shall conduct regular training programs to equip authorized personnel with the skills and knowledge required for the efficient utilization of the System.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the BuCor and the BJMP. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The BuCor and the BJMP, in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications Technology, National Privacy Commission and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to properly and efficiently implement this Act within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

1 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held
2 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
3 effect.

4 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
5 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

6 **SEC. 11. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
7 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,