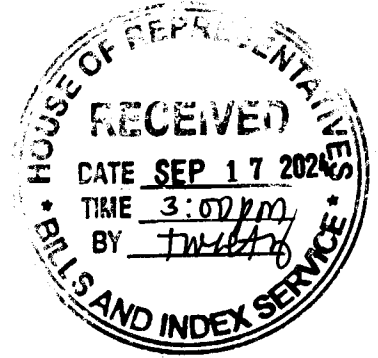


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Postal administration is a contributing agent to a country's Gross Domestic Products. In the United States, the use of Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) codes was adopted in 1963, and subsequently enhanced in 1983, in order to make it easier for the ubiquitous postman to deliver a letter.

Shipping and logistics companies use zip codes to optimize their delivery routes and ensure that packages are delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner. Healthcare providers can use zip codes to identify areas where there are high concentrations of people with specific health conditions. This information can be used to develop targeted healthcare initiatives and improve healthcare outcomes. Moreover, emergency responders can use zip codes to quickly identify the location of an emergency and dispatch appropriate resources. This can save valuable time in emergency situations and help ensure a more effective response.

In the Philippines, the use of postal code was initially prescribed in Letter of Instructions No. 605, issued on September 29, 1977. Nonetheless, LOI 605 does not mandate its usage.

The country currently uses a 4-digit zip code system for more than 42,000 barangays all over the Philippines. This system, however, fails to provide a code that is unique to each barangay.

Recent developments have emphasized the importance of using zip codes. Thus, this measure proposes to mandate the Philippine Postal Corporation to institutionalize the usage of zip code and adopt a modernized alphanumeric zip code system.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION (PHLPOST)  
TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE USAGE OF ZONE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ZIP)  
CODE AND ADOPTING FOR THE PURPOSE A MODERNIZED ALPHANUMERIC  
ZIP CODE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Modernized ZIP Code System Act”.

SEC. 2. The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) is hereby mandated to institutionalize the usage of Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code and to adopt a modernized alphanumeric zip code system.

SEC. 3. The modernized alphanumeric zip code shall be composed of: two (2) alphabetic characters (A-Z), representing the province; and five (5) Arabic numerals (0-9), representing the city or municipality and barangay.

SEC. 4. A transitory period of eighteen (18) months from the effectivity of this Act shall be provided to all national government agencies, local government units, GOCCs, government financial institutions, and all private sector entities to update their database pursuant to the new zip code system.

SEC. 5. The PHLPOST shall develop and maintain a publicly available website or online application that will allow the public to search their zip code or find a zip by place name.

SEC. 6. The Department of Education, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Governance Commission for GOCCs and other relevant government agencies in coordination

with PHLPOST shall develop and execute an information and education campaign ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 8. All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,