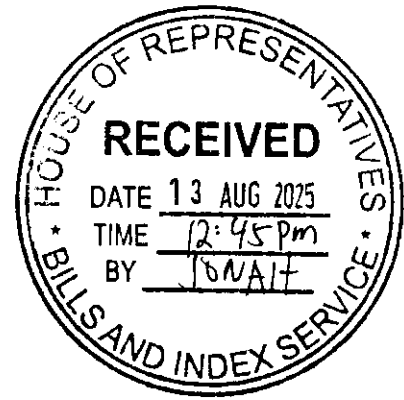


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3666



Introduced by REP. DENNIS "TOM" L. HERNANDEZ

AN ACT
MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION TO ADOPT A MODERNIZED ZONE
IMPROVEMENT PLAN CODE SYSTEM

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) code is a series of numbers or letters used by postal services to organize and streamline mail delivery. ZIP codes help ensure the efficient and accurate distribution of letters, packages, and other postal items both locally and internationally.

These codes allow postal workers to sort and route mail by geographic location. They also enable businesses to map service areas, calculate shipping costs, and analyze customer demographics.

In the Philippines, ZIP codes are four-digit numbers assigned to specific areas by the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost). They facilitate efficient mail delivery and support various administrative and commercial functions, including the processing of government documents, shipping, logistics, and online transactions.

Despite their benefits, some rural and remote areas still lack specific ZIP codes and rely on those of nearby towns or cities.

The use of postal codes in the country was introduced through Letter of Instructions No. 605, issued on September 29, 1977. However, it did not make their use mandatory.

With the growing complexity of commerce and governance, and the increasing reliance on both physical and digital platforms, the current ZIP code system needs to be updated to reflect technological and geographic developments.

This bill mandates PHLPost to adopt a modern alphanumeric ZIP code system consisting of two alphabetic characters representing the province and five numeric digits representing the city or municipality and barangay. Every barangay will be assigned a unique ZIP code under this system.

Originally filed as House Bill No. 11255 by 21 members of the 19th Congress, the measure was approved on third and final reading on January 28, 2025.

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


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Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 adopt and institutionalize a modernized alphanumeric Zone Improvement Plan (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. Each of the current forty-two thousand and eleven (42,011) barangays shall be assigned a unique alphanumeric zip code: Provided, That the PHLPOST shall ensure that the system allows flexibility in accommodating the creation, division, merger, or abolition of a barangay, through a law or ordinance, and shall regularly coordinate with the Department of the Interior and Local Government and other concerned government agencies.

SEC. 4. Utilizing the modernized system, the PHLPOST shall update its website's ZIP Code Locator that shall allow the public to search with ease the ZIP Code of a certain barangay and vice versa.

SEC. 5. A transitory period of thirty-six (36) months from the effectivity of this Act shall be set for all national government agencies, local government units, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and private sector entities to update their database using the new ZIP Code System. The PHLPOST shall develop and implement, together with the communications offices of all government agencies, an information and education campaign on the modernized ZIP Code System to all sectors, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

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

Approved,