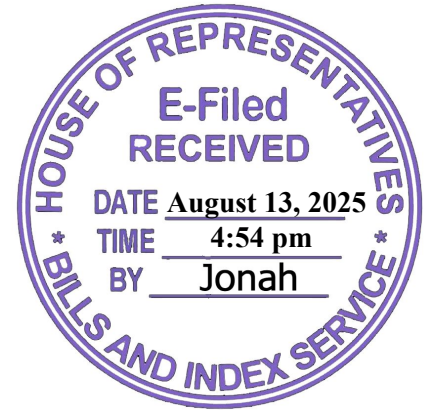


Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3712**



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Introduced by **Representative FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ**

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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 11055, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**“PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM ACT”**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**Republic Act No. 11055** or the “**Philippine Identification System Act**” (**PhilSys Act**) was enacted to establish a unified, streamlined, and efficient identification system for all Filipino citizens and resident aliens. It aims to eliminate the need to present multiple IDs for various government and private transactions by introducing a single, reliable source of identity.

At the core of this system is the **Philippine Identification (PhilID) Card**, which contains essential personal information, including: Full Name, Sex, Blood Type, Marital Status (optional), Place of Birth, Date of Birth, Address, a Front-Facing Photograph and the PhilSys Number (PSN).

The PSN is a randomly generated, unique, and permanent identification number assigned to every registered person. It is intended to serve as a foundational digital ID for seamless public and private sector transactions.

However, there is a growing concern regarding the **exposure of sensitive information**, particularly the **PSN**, which—while not prominently printed on the front—can still be identified through **microprint on the back of the PhilID card**. This subtle but accessible display poses a significant **security risk**, especially in relation to Identity Theft, Fraudulent Transactions and Unwarranted Surveillance or Tracking among others.

Given the critical role of the PSN in a person’s digital identity, **safeguarding its confidentiality and integrity is paramount**. The inclusion of the PSN—even in microprinted form—can inadvertently compromise the cardholder’s security.

This measure proposes to **amend Republic Act No. 11055** to strengthen the data protection provisions by eliminating any **visible or printed representation of the PSN** on the PhilID card, including microprinted versions. Instead, the PSN will be:

- **Securely encoded** within the **card's QR Code**, along with the cardholder's biometric and other identifying data.
- Accessible **only to authorized entities**, subject to strict authentication procedures and in compliance with **existing privacy laws** and **data protection standards**.

By limiting physical exposure of the PSN and embedding it within a secure digital format, we significantly reduce the risks associated with identity misuse, while maintaining the integrity and functionality of the PhilSys system.

As one of the **Principal Author of House Bill 6221** that led to the enactment of RA 11055 during the **17th Congress**, I continue to strongly support this law. It is my firm belief that while the PhilSys is a landmark step toward a more efficient and inclusive governance, it is equally essential that **robust safeguards** are in place to protect the rights and privacy of every Filipino.

This proposed amendment reflects our commitment to ensuring the **PhilSys remains both effective and secure**—a trusted tool in nation-building that upholds the dignity, safety, and privacy of all citizens.

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

  
**FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ**

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

1           Section 1. – Section 7C (1) of Republic Act No. 11055, otherwise known as the  
2           “Philippine Identification System Act,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

3                   (1) Features. – The PhilID shall be the physical medium issued to convey  
4           essential information about the person’s identity containing on its face the ~~{PSN}~~  
5           full name, sex, blood type, marital status (optional), place of birth, a front facing  
6           photograph, date of birth, and address of the individual in whose favor it was  
7           issued. All information appearing in the PhilID should match with the registered  
8           information in PhilSys. The PhilID shall contain QR Code which contains, **THE**  
9           **PSN**, some fingerprint information and other security features as safeguards for  
10          data privacy and security, and prevention against the proliferation of fraudulent or  
11          falsified identification cards. The PSA in consideration of advances in technology,  
12          utility, security and confidentiality may, subject to appropriate guidelines that shall  
13          be issued on the matter, provide citizens or resident aliens with mobile PhilID.

14          Section 2. – *Repealing Clause.*- All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or  
15          parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or  
16          modified accordingly.

17          Section 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18          complete publication in the Official Gazette on in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
19          circulation.

**Approved,**