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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez and  
Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.*

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House Bill No. **4375**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippines adopted the "ZIP Code" postal code system, inspired by the US model, after the establishment of the Philippine Postal Corporation (PhilPost) to improve mail delivery efficiency. The purpose was to streamline mail sorting and delivery by assigning numerical identifiers to specific geographic areas, cities, and municipalities.

With the Philippines having more than 42,000 barangays, it is time to assign a unique ZIP Code to each barangay in the Philippines, aiming for greater precision and improved service delivery.

Hence, this bill which aims to have a new, modernized system consisting of 2 alphabetic characters (A-Z) representing the province; and five Arabic numerals (0-9) representing the city or municipality and barangay.

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

  
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AN ACT

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

*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,