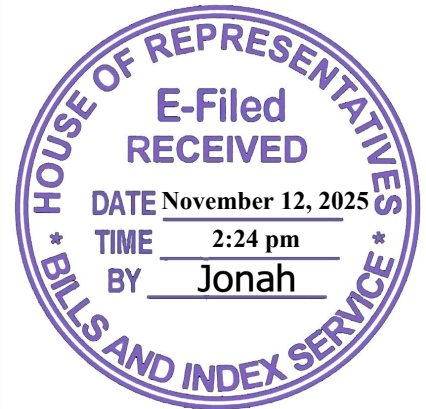


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5917



**Introduced by Representatives Jose C. Alvarez and Gil
"Kabarangay Jr" A. Acosta**

AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO WONSUK HEO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Wonsuk Heo, conferring all the rights and privileges, as well as duties and obligations thereto as provided under the Constitution and existing laws.

Wonsuk Heo or Simon as he is known in the Philippines was born in Incheon, Republic of Korea on February 15, 1978. He has been residing in the country since 1992 and is a permanent visa holder since June 5, 1997.

Simon is currently a Director at the Eagle Star Crew Management Corporation, a domestic corporation primarily engaged in the recruitment, processing, and deployment of Filipino seafarers onboard ocean-going vessels. He is also a Director of BCH Holdings Co., Inc. and Canal Holdings, Inc., domestic corporations primarily engaged in investing, purchasing, developing, and selling real and personal properties.

Simon's investments in various businesses within the Philippines exemplifies his sincere desire to uplift the lives of the Filipinos. His

ventures have provided countless employment opportunities and contributed to the growth of our economy.

In his long years of stay in the Philippines, he has established and maintained a good reputation and has formed friendships and connections with his peers and business associates.

It is noteworthy that this bill was filed in the Nineteenth Congress as House Bill No. 6578, and was later on substituted as House Bill No. 10084. House Bill No. 10084 was approved by the House on third and final reading and was transmitted to the Senate on May 20, 2024.

In view of Simon's exemplary character, significant investments in our economy, and valuable contributions to our society, immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Wonsuk Heo is hereby granted Philippine citizenship
2 with all the rights and prerogatives, as well as duties and obligations
3 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic
4 of the Philippines.

5 **SEC. 2.** Wonsuk Heo shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the
6 Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to
7 administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the
8 Bureau of Immigration.

9 **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
10 Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Wonsuk Heo
11 who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine
12 citizenship.

13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
15 circulation.

Approved.