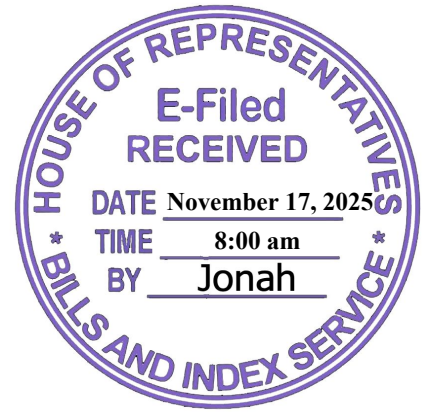


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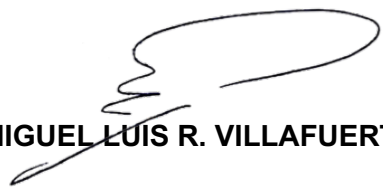
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Good governance must always be founded on the people's best interests and the protection of the general welfare. In line with this objective, Republic Act No. 12009, also known as the New Government Procurement Act, was enacted in 2024 to strengthen government mechanisms for procurement, particularly in areas of transparency, competitiveness, efficiency, proportionality, accountability, public monitoring, professionalization, sustainability, and value for money.

Moreover, public officials must serve as the epitome of transparency and guardians of impartiality in government processes, as Section 1, Article XI of the 1987 Constitution states: "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives."

To reinforce existing policies and safeguard measures in government procurement, this bill seeks to prohibit all relatives of public officials within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity from entering into any government contract. The necessary implementing rules and regulations of this bill shall be jointly promulgated by the Government Procurement Policy Board, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Public-Private Partnership Center, and the Governance Commission for GOCCs, in consultation with government agencies concerned.

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


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HON. VINCENZO RENATO LUIGI R. VILLAFUERTE

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HON. TSUYOSHI ANTHONY G. HORIBATA

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**AN ACT DISQUALIFYING RELATIVES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITHIN THE FOURTH
CIVIL DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY FROM ENTERING INTO ANY
GOVERNMENT CONTRACT**

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

SECTION 1. *Disqualification on the Basis of Relationship.* – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all relatives of public officials within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity shall be barred from entering into any government contract.

For purposes of this Act, the term "public official" shall refer to heads of agency, heads of procuring entity, members of governing board, or any public officer or employee exercising policy-determining, supervisory, or managerial functions, whether in the career or non-career service, including military and uniformed personnel, whether or not they receive compensation, regardless of amount.

Moreover, the term "government contract" shall refer to any contract between a private entity and any government agency or instrumentality, including government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and local government units, that pertains to (a) supplies, materials, machinery, equipment, and services; (b) infrastructure projects; (c) joint ventures; (d) public-private partnership projects; and (e) other similar or analogous agreements or undertakings to which the latter is the procuring party, partner, shareholder, implementing agency, end user, or a party contributing public funds or property: *Provided, That*, this shall exclude contracts that are highly technical, proprietary, or confidential in nature.

SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Government Procurement Policy Board, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Public-Private Partnership Center, and the Governance Commission for GOCCs, in consultation with government agencies concerned, shall jointly promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, and parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,