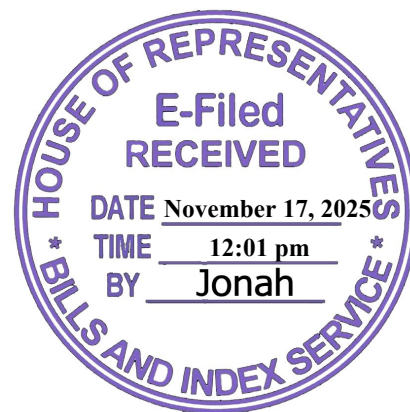




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HOUSE BILL NO. 6015

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**Introduced by Representative Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag**

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

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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2 The Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System, currently being implemented by the  
3 Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost), has long served as a crucial mechanism for  
4 organizing and facilitating the delivery of mail and other postal services in the country.  
5 However, the existing system, adopted several decades ago, has not kept pace with the  
6 rapid urbanization, population growth, and administrative changes that have redefined  
7 the geographical and political landscape of the Philippines.

8 At present, the ZIP Code System operates at the municipal and city level, with only  
9 limited differentiation for barangays. This often results in inefficiencies in mail and  
10 parcel delivery, inaccurate addressing, and delays in logistics operations—especially in  
11 highly urbanized and densely populated areas. Furthermore, the proliferation of new  
12 barangays, the reorganization of local government units, and the growing demand for  
13 precise geolocation in e-commerce and digital transactions have highlighted the urgent  
14 need for a modernized and comprehensive postal coding system.

15 This bill seeks to mandate the Philippine Postal Corporation to adopt and institutionalize  
16 a modernized alphanumeric ZIP Code System, which will assign a unique code to each  
17 barangay in the country. Under this proposed system, the ZIP Code will be composed of  
18 two (2) alphabetic characters representing the province and five (5) numeric characters  
19 representing the city, municipality, and barangay. Such modernization will not only  
20 improve the accuracy and efficiency of postal and delivery services but will also enhance  
21 data management for both government and private sector operations reliant on address-  
22 based systems.

- 1 The modernization of the ZIP Code System will also support other national digitalization  
2 initiatives, including those related to the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), e-  
3 governance, and national security, by providing a standardized and geocoded addressing  
4 reference. It will further strengthen local government coordination in updating records  
5 for taxation, disaster response, census, and public service delivery.
- 6 It is worth noting that this measure was approved at the committee level during the 19th  
7 Congress, reflecting strong legislative recognition of its importance. Moreover, several  
8 related bills have been filed in the current Congress, demonstrating a broad and  
9 continuing consensus among lawmakers on the necessity of institutionalizing a  
10 modernized ZIP Code System.
- 11 In an era where efficient communication, logistics, and information management are  
12 critical to economic growth and public service delivery, this measure provides a timely  
13 and practical solution to a long-standing gap in the country's postal and address system.
- 14 In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill 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.** This Act shall be known as the “Modernized ZIP Code System Act.”

2           **SEC. 2.** The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) is hereby mandated to  
3 adopt and institutionalize a modernized alphanumeric Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP)  
4 Code System.

5           **SEC. 3.** The modernized alphanumeric ZIP Code shall be composed of: two (2)  
6 alphabetic characters (A-Z), representing the province; and five (5) Arabic numerals (0-  
7 9), representing the city or municipality and barangay. Each of the current forty-two  
8 thousand and eleven (42,011) barangays shall be assigned a unique alphanumeric zip  
9 code: *Provided*, That the PHLPOST shall ensure that the system allows flexibility in  
10 accommodating the creation, division, merger, or abolition of a barangay, through a law  
11 or ordinance, and shall regularly coordinate with the Department of the Interior and Local  
12 Government and other concerned government agencies.

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

16           **SEC. 5.** A transitory period of thirty-six (36) months from the effectivity of this

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

7 **SEC. 6.** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of  
8 instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
9 repealed or amended accordingly.

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

*Approved,*