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House Bill No. **6323**



Introduced by Representative **RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine ZIP Code system, established decades ago to facilitate the sorting and delivery of mail, has remained largely unchanged despite significant changes in population distribution, urban development, digital commerce, and administrative restructuring. The current four-digit ZIP Code structure no longer provides sufficient precision to effectively identify barangays—now numbering more than 42,000—and is inadequate to meet the demands of modern logistics, e-commerce, and government service delivery.

With the rapid expansion of online transactions, parcel deliveries, e-government platforms, and data-driven public services, the need for a more granular, standardized, and future-proof location identifier has become essential. A modernized ZIP Code system will enhance delivery accuracy, reduce delays, improve address verification processes, and strengthen inter-agency coordination for geographic and demographic data management.

This bill mandates the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) to adopt a modernized seven-digit Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System following the XXYY–ZZZ numeric format. Under this structure, the first four digits (XXYY) retain the existing province and city/municipality codes, while the last three digits (ZZZ) uniquely identify each barangay. This allows for a precise and nationally consistent coding system that reflects current administrative boundaries and supports future adjustments such as the creation, division, merger, or renaming of local government units.

The bill also requires PHLPOST to update and maintain an accessible online ZIP Code Locator to assist the public in easily obtaining barangay-specific codes. A transition period of thirty-six (36) months is provided to enable government agencies, local government units, state corporations, and private entities to update their databases and systems accordingly. Furthermore, PHLPOST, in coordination with government communications offices, shall

implement an extensive information and education campaign to ensure smooth nationwide adoption.

By modernizing the ZIP Code system, the State strengthens the country's postal infrastructure, increases efficiency in public and private sector operations, supports e-commerce and economic activities, and improves the accuracy of government data and service delivery. This measure is a practical, long-overdue reform aligned with global best practices in postal and geographic information systems.

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:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Modernized ZIP Code System Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Adoption of a Modernized ZIP Code System.* – The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) is hereby mandated to adopt and institutionalize a modernized numeric Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System consistent with the standardized XXYY–ZZZ format prescribed under this Act.

SEC. 3. *Structure of the Modernized ZIP Code.* – The modernized ZIP Code shall adopt a numeric format of seven (7) Arabic numerals, expressed as XXYY–ZZZ, in continuity with the current ZIP Code structure used by the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST), wherein XXYY corresponds to the existing province and city or municipality assignment. The additional three (3) digits (ZZZ) shall uniquely identify the Submunicipal area.

Each of the current forty-two thousand and eleven (42,011) barangays shall be assigned a unique numeric ZIP Code under this format: Provided, That the PHLPOST shall ensure that the system allows flexibility in accommodating the creation, division, merger, renaming, or abolition of a province, city, municipality, or barangay through a law or ordinance, and shall regularly coordinate with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and other concerned government agencies.

SEC. 4. *ZIP Code Locator and Public Access.* – 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. *Transition Period and Information Campaign.* – 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. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – 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. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,