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House Bill No. 6340



Introduced by Rep. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System was first introduced in the Philippines in 1963 to streamline the processing and delivery of mail. However, since then, the system has remained largely unchanged despite rapid urbanization, the proliferation of new barangays, and the increasing demand for accurate addressing in e-commerce, logistics, and digital services.

At present, the numeric ZIP Code system lacks the precision and adaptability required to serve more than 42,000 barangays nationwide. This limitation has caused inefficiencies in mail delivery, logistics coordination, and address verification systems used by both government and the private sector.

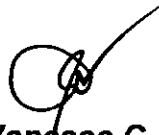
This proposed measure seeks to modernize the Philippine ZIP Code System by mandating the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) to adopt an alphanumeric ZIP Code structure composed of two (2) alphabetic characters representing the province and five (5) numeric digits representing the city or municipality and barangay. Each barangay will thus be assigned a unique alphanumeric ZIP Code. The design ensures scalability and flexibility, particularly when barangays are created, divided, merged, or abolished.

The measure also requires PHLPOST to enhance its website with an updated ZIP Code Locator, allowing the public to easily search for barangays and their corresponding ZIP Codes. Furthermore, a transitory period of thirty-six (36) months is provided for all government agencies, local government units, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and private entities to update their databases accordingly.

This bill supports the government's push for digitalization, efficiency, and improved service delivery. By institutionalizing a Modernized ZIP Code System,

the Philippines will benefit from faster and more accurate mail and parcel distribution, improved e-commerce logistics, and enhanced public service delivery across all sectors.

This bill has been approved during the 19th Congress, the swift passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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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 2025.”

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,