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House Bill No. 6544

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System plays a vital role in ensuring the accuracy, speed, and efficiency of mail delivery and logistics services across the country. However, the current ZIP Code System used by the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST)—adopted decades ago—no longer reflects the rapid growth of cities, the creation and subdivision of barangays, and the increasing demand for precise location identification in both public and private transactions.

In an era of expanding e-commerce, digital governance, and nationwide logistics operations, a modernized and more granular ZIP Code System has become an essential public service. International benchmarks show that countries with updated, alphanumeric ZIP or postcode systems have improved delivery efficiency, reduced logistical errors, strengthened disaster response coordination, and enhanced database management across government agencies.

This measure seeks to mandate PHLPOST to adopt and institutionalize a modernized alphanumeric ZIP Code System, composed of two alphabetic characters representing the province and five numerals representing the specific city or municipality and barangay. Assigning a unique alphanumeric ZIP Code to each of the 42,011 barangays nationwide will enable greater accuracy in mail and parcel routing and provide a standardized reference for government and private sector databases.

The bill further directs PHLPOST to update its ZIP Code Locator to improve public access, and provides a 36-month transitory period for government agencies, LGUs, GOCCs, and private institutions to update

their systems. An extensive information and education campaign is likewise required to ensure smooth and coordinated nationwide implementation.

With the modernization of the Philippine ZIP Code System, the government strengthens not only the postal service but also commerce, digital transformation initiatives, emergency response operations, and public service delivery.

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

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION (PHLPOST) 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***.

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,