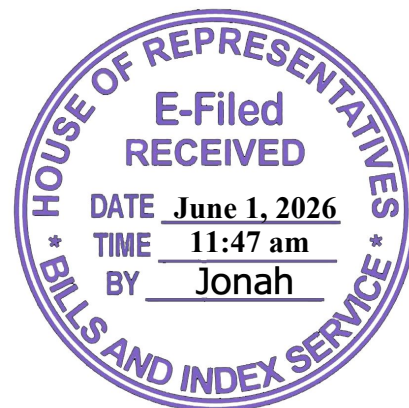


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9582



Introduced by

HON. ATTY. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE RESPONSIBLE
DEVELOPMENT, DEPLOYMENT, UTILIZATION, AND REGULATION OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING THE
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (AIDA), AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping economies, industries, public institutions, and everyday life at an unprecedented pace. Across the world, governments are adopting national policies and regulatory mechanisms to harness the benefits of AI while safeguarding the public against its potential risks. From healthcare and education to transportation, finance, agriculture, and public governance, AI technologies are increasingly influencing how societies function and how decisions are made.

The Philippines stands at a crucial point in its digital transformation journey. While AI presents immense opportunities to improve public services, strengthen national competitiveness, generate employment, and accelerate innovation, it likewise raises serious concerns relating to privacy, cybersecurity, labor displacement, misinformation, algorithmic discrimination, and the misuse of automated systems. The absence of a comprehensive legal and institutional framework governing AI may expose the country to technological vulnerabilities and leave Filipino citizens inadequately protected from harmful and unethical applications of emerging technologies.

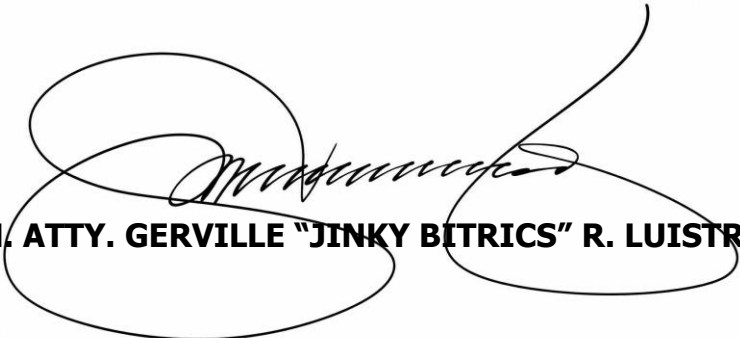
This proposed measure seeks to establish a balanced, adaptive, and rights-based framework for the development and regulation of Artificial Intelligence in the Philippines. It aims to encourage innovation and investment in AI while ensuring that the deployment and use of such technologies remain transparent, accountable, fair, secure, and aligned with constitutional rights and national interests.

The bill provides guiding principles for ethical AI governance, promotes research and development, strengthens workforce preparedness, protects human rights and data privacy, and establishes mechanisms for transparency and public accountability in AI systems. It likewise adopts a risk-based approach to AI regulation, ensuring that high-risk AI systems are subject to stricter oversight and compliance standards.

Central to this proposed legislation is the creation of the Artificial Intelligence Development Authority (AIDA), which shall serve as the lead government body responsible for formulating national AI policies, coordinating inter-agency initiatives, developing regulatory standards, and ensuring compliance with ethical and legal safeguards in the use of AI technologies.

Ultimately, this measure seeks to position the Philippines as a responsible and globally competitive participant in the evolving AI ecosystem while ensuring that technological advancement remains people-centered, inclusive, and beneficial to all Filipinos.

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



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

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4 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Artificial
5 Intelligence Development and Governance Act."
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7 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the
8 State to promote the responsible development, deployment, and utilization of Artificial
9 Intelligence (AI) technologies in the Philippines consistent with the principles of
10 transparency, accountability, fairness, inclusivity, privacy protection, human dignity,
11 public welfare, and national security. The State recognizes the transformative potential
12 of AI to drive innovation, improve public services, expand economic opportunities, and
13 strengthen national development. Toward this end, the State shall establish an
14 enabling regulatory environment that encourages innovation while safeguarding the
15 rights and welfare of the people.
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17 **SECTION 3. Definition of terms.** - For purposes of this Act:
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1 (a) "Artificial Intelligence (AI)" refers to machine-based systems capable of
2 performing tasks that normally require human intelligence, including learning,
3 reasoning, prediction, decision-making, language processing, and problem-solving;

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5 (b) "AI System" refers to any software, application, algorithm, or computational
6 model utilizing AI techniques;

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8 (c) "High-Risk AI System" refers to AI systems that significantly affect
9 fundamental rights, public safety, health, employment, education, law enforcement,
10 or critical infrastructure;

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12 (d) "AI Developer" refers to any person or entity involved in the design,
13 creation, testing, or deployment of AI systems;

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15 (e) "AI User" refers to any person, organization, or government agency that
16 utilizes AI systems;

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18 (f) "Human Oversight" refers to mechanisms ensuring that AI systems remain
19 subject to meaningful human supervision and intervention; and

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21 (g) "Transparency" refers to the obligation to provide understandable
22 information regarding the operation, purpose, and decision-making processes of AI
23 systems.

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25 **SECTION 4. Creation of the Artificial Intelligence Development**
26 **Authority (AIDA).** - There is hereby created an independent body to be known as
27 the Artificial Intelligence Development Authority (AIDA), which shall serve as the
28 primary agency responsible for the formulation, coordination, implementation, and
29 enforcement of national AI policies and regulations.

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31 The AIDA shall be attached to the Department of Science and Technology
32 (DOST) for policy and program coordination.

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34 **SECTION 5. Powers and Functions of AIDA.** - The AIDA shall have the
35 following powers and functions:

36 (a) Formulate and implement a National Artificial Intelligence Strategy;

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38 (b) Develop standards, rules, and ethical guidelines governing AI systems;

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40 (c) Conduct monitoring, audits, and assessments of AI systems, particularly
41 high-risk applications;

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43 (d) Coordinate with government agencies, academic institutions, private
44 entities, and international organizations on AI-related initiatives;

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46 (e) Promote AI research, innovation, and workforce development programs;

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1 (f) Establish regulatory sandboxes for emerging AI technologies;

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3 (g) Investigate violations of this Act and impose appropriate administrative
4 sanctions; and

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6 (h) Submit annual reports to Congress and the Office of the President regarding
7 the implementation of this Act.

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9 **SECTION 6. Principles of Responsible AI Governance.** - The
10 development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems shall be guided by
11 the principles of respect for human rights and human dignity, fairness and non-
12 discrimination, transparency and explainability, accountability and meaningful human
13 oversight, privacy and data protection, safety, security, and reliability, as well as
14 inclusivity and accessibility. AI systems shall be designed, developed, and utilized in a
15 manner that protects the welfare of individuals and communities, promotes public
16 trust, prevents harm and bias, safeguards personal data, and ensures that the benefits
17 of AI technologies are accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of the Filipino
18 people.

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20 **SECTION 7. Regulation of High-Risk AI Systems.** - High-risk AI systems
21 shall be subject to stricter regulatory and compliance requirements to ensure the
22 protection of public welfare, fundamental rights, safety, and national security. Such
23 requirements shall include the conduct of mandatory risk assessments prior to
24 deployment, the establishment of meaningful human oversight mechanisms, the
25 maintenance of adequate technical documentation and audit trails, and the
26 implementation of robust data governance and cybersecurity safeguards. Providers
27 and users of high-risk AI systems shall likewise comply with transparency obligations
28 and undergo periodic compliance reviews, evaluations, or audits as may be prescribed
29 by the Artificial Intelligence Development Authority (AIDA).

30 **SECTION 8. Prohibited AI Practices.** - The following AI practices are
31 prohibited:

32 (a) AI systems that manipulate human behavior in a manner that causes
33 harm;

34 (b) Social scoring systems that unfairly discriminate against individuals or
35 groups;

36 (c) Unauthorized biometric surveillance or facial recognition systems that
37 violate privacy rights;

38 (d) AI systems designed for unlawful discrimination; and

39 (e) Any AI application declared unlawful by the AIDA pursuant to this Act.

1 **SECTION 9. Protection of Workers.** - The State shall ensure that the
2 adoption of AI technologies does not result in unjust labor practices or unfair
3 displacement of workers.

4 Relevant government agencies, in coordination with the AIDA, shall develop workforce
5 transition, reskilling, and upskilling programs to prepare Filipino workers for AI-driven
6 industries.

7 **SECTION 10. Research and Innovation.** - The State shall promote AI
8 research and innovation through grants, incentives, public-private partnerships, and
9 support for startups, academic institutions, and technology enterprises engaged in AI
10 development.

11 **SECTION 11. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the initial
12 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of
13 concerned agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued
14 implementation shall be included in the annual

15 **SECTION 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90)
16 days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in coordination with the DICT, NPC,
17 PhilHealth, PSA, DOST, and relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the Implementing
18 Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary for the implementation of this Act.

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20 **SECTION 13. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
21 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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23 **SECTION 14. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and
24 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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26 **SECTION 15. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
27 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 Approved,