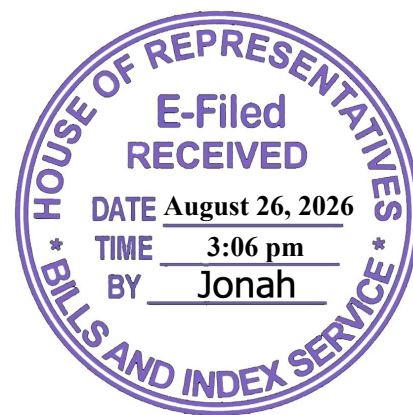


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House Bill No. **10980**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine passport is a primary document that confirms an individual's citizenship and identity. As such, it is critical to ensure that only genuine Filipino citizens are granted the privilege of holding a Philippine passport. However, the increasing cases of foreigners fraudulently acquiring Philippine passports through fake birth certificates or improperly documented Delayed Registration of Live Birth highlight a loophole in the current system.

The Philippine Passport Law, as it stands, provides insufficient safeguards against the fraudulent acquisition of passports by individuals who exploit the less stringent requirements for applicants using Delayed Registration of Live Birth. This issue compromises the integrity of our passport system and tarnishes the reputation of the Philippine government in the international community.

To address this concern, the proposed legislation seeks to amend the existing Philippine Passport Law by mandating additional documentary requirements for applicants using Delayed Registration of Live Birth.

These additional safeguards aim to uphold the integrity of the Philippine passport and ensure that it is issued only to bona fide Filipino citizens. By requiring independent attestations and clearances from various agencies, this measure provides a robust mechanism to prevent the misuse of delayed birth registrations for fraudulent purposes.

Furthermore, this legislation is a proactive response to the growing global security concerns and the need for stronger border control mechanisms. It aligns with the government's commitment to protecting the sanctity of Philippine citizenship and safeguarding the trust placed in our passport by international authorities.

In light of these considerations, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11982, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “NEW PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT”**

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11983, otherwise known as “*New Philippine Passport Act*”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5. Requirements for the Application and Issuance of a Passport. - The DFA Secretary, or a duly authorized consular official, shall issue a passport to an applicant who is a Filipino citizen and who has complied with the following requirements:

- (a) Personal appearance for biometric and biographic data capturing;
- (b) A duly accomplished application form;
- (c) Proof of citizenship as prescribed by relevant laws regarding the acquisition of Philippine citizenship which includes, but it not limited to:

- (1) For natural-born citizens, Certificate of Live Birth or Report of Birth, or Certificate of Foundling, whichever is applicable, authenticated by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA); **PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS PRESENTING A LATE REGISTRATION OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- (i) **AFFIDAVIT OF TWO DISINTERESTED PERSONS IDENTIFYING THE APPLICANT AS FILIPINO;**
 - (ii) **NBI CLEARANCE;**
 - (iii) **POLICE CLEARANCE; AND**
 - (iv) **BARANGAY CERTIFICATE.**

- (2) For naturalized citizens, Certificate of Naturalization, Identification Certificate, Court Order granting naturalization, Decree of Naturalization, or copy of the law granting legislative naturalization;

- (3) XXX XXX XXX

- (4) XXX XXX XXX

- (d) Valid and sufficient proof of identity, foremost of which is the applicant's PhilID issued pursuant to Republic Act No. 11055 or the "Philippine Identification System Act", or competent proof of identity;

- XXX XXX XXX”

SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* – Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid one, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.