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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is an increasing public concern on the failure of the civil service to cope with technological strides particularly in the computerization of government offices. The lag is not only due to the lack of, but also in the absence or lack of personnel technically proficient to operate computers, or both.

This bill seeks to place our civil service at par with the private sector in the use of computer technology. All clerical, technical, supervisory and even executive officers and employees of the government, who are professional or non-professional civil service eligible, will be required to undergo basic training in computer science and technology.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Computer Education and Training of Government Employees Act."

SECTION 2. Mandatory Computer Education. All employees of the government in all branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies thereof, who are professional or non-professional civil service eligible or their equivalent, holding clerical, technical supervisory and executive positions of all ranks and levels are required to undergo a training program in basic computer science and technology. Employees of the government who are employed on a casual or contractual basis and those holding maintenance or janitorial positions are excluded from the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 3. Program to be developed by Civil Service Commission. The Civil Service Commission is mandated to develop a program providing the training required under the preceding section, which program shall be undertaken by the employee during office hours and shall be credited as part of the hours worked by the employee in the performance of his duties and functions.

SECTION 4. Computer Proficient Employees Exempted from the Provisions of this Act. The Civil Service Commission shall include in the program under the preceding section a method

whereby an officer or employee already proficient in computer science and technology may be exempted from the basic computer training required in this Act.

SECTION 5. Provision for Implementation of this Act. The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (=P=100,000,000.00) to be included in the national budget for the incoming fiscal year, shall be applied to implement the provisions of this Act. Appropriation for the implementation of this Act for the succeeding years shall be automatically included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional. The remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effective Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,