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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 computerization of government offices. The lag is not only due to the lack of computers, 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 eligibles, will be required to undergo basic training in computer and technology.*

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AN ACT

MANDATING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR 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 shall be cited as the "Computer Education and
Training for 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
nonprofessional civil service eligibles 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 the 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

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

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4 SECTION 5. *Provision for Implementation of this Act.* - The amount of Fifty Million
5 Pesos (P50,000,000.00), to be included in the national budget for the incoming fiscal year, shall
6 be applied to implement the provisions of this Act. Appropriations for the implementation of this
7 Act for the succeeding years shall be automatically included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act.

9 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
11 valid and subsisting.

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14 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,