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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes The national identification card which will serve as the official identification of a Filipino citizen or alien permanent resident dealing with department, bureau, agency, or office of the government or any government-owned or controlled corporation, firm or establishment, including, but not limited to government financial institutions.

The national identification card will do away with the need to present other documents required for identification purposes. It intends to facilitate, for instance, the issuance of passports and other official documents required by our citizens from the Government. It will make the payment of fees and the collection of taxes much easier and efficient. Election fraud, which is national scourge, can be eliminated with the use of a national identification card.

The urgency of the passage of this bill cannot be gainsaid.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall known as the National Identification system Act of 2004.

SECTION 2. *Duty of the National Statistics Office.* – Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the National Statistics Office (NSO) shall administer the national identification system specified in this Act.

SECTION 3. *Registration.* – All citizens and aliens of legal age permanently residing in the Philippines shall, within one (1) year from the adoption of a national identification system, apply for a national identification card at the Office of the Local Civil registrar of the city, municipality or province where they reside.

The parent or legal guardian of a minor or an incompetent person shall file on behalf of the minor or incompetent person an application with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the city, municipality or province where the minor or incompetent person resides within the same period. Every child born after the adoption of a national identification registration system by the NSO shall be registered by the parent or legal guardian of such child within (30) days after the date of his or her birth being born.

No accredited official of a foreign government recognized by the Republic or a member of his official staff and family unless they are citizens of the Republic shall be required to have a national identification card.

SECTION 4. *Purpose of Identification Card.* – The national identification card shall serve as the official identification of a Filipino citizen or alien permanent resident when dealing with any department, bureau, agency, or office of the Government or any government-owned or controlled corporation, firm or establishment, including but not limited to government financial institutions. No other official document shall be required by a government agency of a national identification card holder dealing with it or for the authentication of any official document that requires the services of notaries public.

SECTION 5. *Form and Content.* – The national identification card shall contain the following data: the name, age, date and place of birth, citizenship, name of spouse, residence (both permanent and temporary), occupation or profession, place of work or office address, thumbprint, signature and the photograph of its holder. It shall also have a permanent serial number for every national identity card holder.

The information given by every applicant for a national identity card shall be under oath. Anyone who provides false and misleading information in securing a national identification card shall be liable for prosecution under the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

SECTION 6. *Change of Personal Status and Residence.* – Any change in the citizenship, status or residence of a national identification card holder shall be reported by the card holder to the proper Local Civil Registrar within sixty (60) days after the change occurs.

SECTION 7. *Penal Provisions.* – Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this Act shall be punished with a fine not exceeding ten thousand pesos (P 10,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The NSO shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Appropriations.* - The amount of five hundred million pesos (P500,000,000.00) is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated as operating funds of the NSO for this purpose. Thereafter, funds sufficient to carry out the objectives of the Act shall be appropriated every fiscal year in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* - Any provision of law, decrees, orders, rules and regulations contrary hereto is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,