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**AN ACT
REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF
SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS IN MOBILE PHONES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

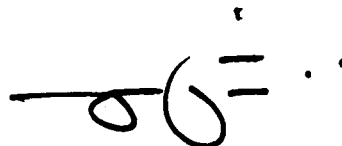
As we live in the age of globalization and advancement of technology, mobile devices are now used as a medium of communication. One of the primary reasons why it has been successful for years is because of its capability to provide efficient delivery. It is imperative to say that the modern technology has now transcended and regarded as one of the greatest gifts to mankind.

Subscriber Identity Module or commonly known as (SIM Cards) serves as a gateway to access mobile phones/smartphones with ease. It may be used for noble purposes but in some instances for precarious activities, which became uncontrollable. This includes illegal money making schemes, text scams and worse, it is being used in acts of terrorism to create fear and mayhem and recently reported for the ill purpose of extortion. The prevalence of these acts is alarming. Law enforcers cannot put up an action to end this because of the mere fact that suspects remain to be undetected.

This proposed bill seeks to establish a regulatory system in aid of restraining unlawful activities related to unregistered mobile communication devices. It will undergo series of validation and once verified, it is the only time it can be used. The concerned agency shall be in charge in handling the database of all pre-paid users and an update of information shall be conducted at least every six (6) months. This compulsory registration and development of database for prepaid SIM

Card user will serves as a deterrent to the rampant abuse, extortion, and illegal schemes using a prepaid SIM Card.

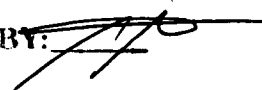
Based from the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the SIM Card Registration
2 Act.

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4 Sec. 2. *Policy.*- It is the policy of the State to regulate the ownership and use of
5 SIM Cards for legitimate purposes only to maintain peace and order, promote the
6 general welfare, and protect the public.

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8 Sec. 3. *Definitions.* - For purposes of this Act,

9 (1) "SIM Card" refers to the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Card in a
10 mobile phone

11 (2) "MobilePhoneCompany" refers to any mobile telecommunication service
12 provider, including but not limited to Globe and Smart PLDT.

13 (3) "NTC" refers to the National Telecommunications Commission.
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15 Sec. 4. *SIM Card Registration.* Every mobile phone company shall be required to
16 register its subscribers, both prepaid and postpaid, and maintain a directory
17 thereof, indicating therein the SIM Card serial number, mobile phone number,
18 name, and address of the subscriber.

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20 Any change in the information required in the SIM Card Registration must be
21 registered with the mobile phone company within fifteen (15) days from the

1 occurrence of such change.

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3 **Sec. 5. Data Privacy and Confidentiality.** - Personal information in SIM Card
4 Registration shall be treated as private and confidential, unless otherwise specified
5 by the subscriber. It shall not be inquired or looked into, except upon probable
6 cause to be determined personally by the judge after examination under oath or
7 affirmation of the complainant and the witnesses, if any.

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9 **Sec. 6. Sale of SIMCards.** - Every seller shall require his or her buyer of a SIM Card
10 to present valid identification with picture to ascertain the identity of the buyer.
11 The seller shall further require the buyer to accomplish a registration form issued
12 by the mobile phone company of the SIM Card being purchased.

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14 For this purpose, mobile phone companies shall issue SIM Card registration forms.
15 The seller shall then promptly submit the accomplished registration form to the
16 concerned mobile phone company not later than fifteen (15) days from the date of
17 sale. Data privacy and confidentiality in the SIM Card registration in Section 5 shall
18 start to apply at the point of sale.

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20 A buyer who does not produce valid identification with picture and accomplish a
21 SIM Card registration form shall, in accordance with the preceding paragraph, be
22 refused the sale of a SIM Card by the seller.

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24 **Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The NTC shall issue rules and
25 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from the
26 effectivity of this Act.

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28 **Sec. 8. Penal Clause.** - Any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be punished
29 with a fine ranging from five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) to fifty thousand pesos
30 (P50,000.00).

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32 **Sec. 9. Transitory Provision.** - All existing subscribers who have no SIM Card
33 registration yet are required to register their SIM Cards with their respective mobile
34 phone companies within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act.

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36 Failure to register within the prescribed period shall result in the deactivation of the
37 SIM Card. The deactivated SIM Card may only be reactivated after registration in
38 accordance with this Act.

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40 **Sec. 10. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other

1 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
2 repealed or modified accordingly.

3 **Sec. 11. *Separability Clause.*** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
4 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby
5 shall remain in force and effect.

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7 **Sec. 12. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
8 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
9 general circulation in the Philippines.

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11 Approved,