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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require public telecommunications entities (PTE's) to establish a foolproof system of identifying users/purchasers of pre-paid (SIM) cards.

Numerous complaints have been made against the irresponsible and sometimes illegal use of the cellular telephone. Our police and firefighters have complained of pranksters making hoax emergency calls that result in wasted efforts. Also, there has been an increasing incidence of "stalking" with the use of cellular telephones.

The telephone has become a standard tool of criminals in plying their trade. Syndicates engaged in illegal drugs, kidnapping, smuggling, extortion and other heinous crimes, and lately, groups seeking to sow panic and overthrow the government have increasingly used cellular phones to further their ends with minimal risk of being caught. The authorities have encountered difficulty in their investigations because the identity of the callers could not be established.

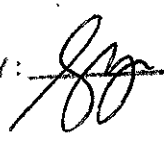
This bill seeks to remove the stumbling block of the police in investigating cases by requiring the identification and registration in the use/purchase of pre-paid (SIM) cards.


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF PRE-PAID SIM
CARD USERS**

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

SECTION 1. Public Telecommunications Entities (PTE's) are hereby required to ensure that the users/purchasers of their pre-paid SIM cards are properly identified and their addresses verified through the presentation of valid identification cards. If the sale of the pre-paid SIM cards is done through agents, PTE's shall ensure that said agents submit to them the verified names and addresses of the pre-paid SIM cards customers within fifteen (15) days from date of sale.

SECTION 2. PTE's shall submit to the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), within thirty (30) days from the date of effectivity of this Act, a verified list of their authorized dealers/outlets nationwide. Thereafter, PTE's shall submit to the NTC, not later than thirty days after every quarter of each year, an updated list.

SECTION 3. The NTC is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.