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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 45

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Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations on MAR 07 2017

Re: **Senate Bill No. 1365**

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 109, 324, 795, and 1179, taking into consideration S. Nos. 397 and 943, P.S.R. No. 142, and H. No. 4767.

Sponsor: **Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which were referred the following Senate Bills:

S. No. 109, introduced by Sen. Richard "Dick" J. Gordon, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

S. No. 324, introduced by Sen. Cynthia A. Villar, entitled:

**"AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULAR PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ISSUED TO
ADULT APPLICANTS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 OR THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"**

S. No. 795, introduced by Sen. Ralph G. Recto, entitled:

**"AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"**

and **S. No. 1179**, introduced by Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, entitled:

**"AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF R.A. NO.8239 ALSO KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"**

and taking into consideration **S. No. 397**, introduced by Sen. Loren Legarda, entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"**

S. No. 943, introduced by Sens. Sonny Angara and Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED
EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"**

P.S. Res. No. 142, introduced by Sen. Grace Poe, entitled:

**"RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED DELAY OF PASSPORT PROCESSING
RESULTING IN MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR FILIPINOS WHO NEED TO TRAVEL
OVERSEAS IMMEDIATELY"**

and **H. No. 4767**, introduced by Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Montoro, Salimbangon, Santos-Recto, Suansing (E.), Suansing (H.), Tan (A.), Villar, Pineda, Romero, Aragonés, Acop, Bertiz, Salceda, Oaminal, Dalipe, Abu, Ferriol-Pascual, Andaya, Ermita-Buhain, Aglipay-Villar, Primicias-Agabas, Tambunting, Castelo, Romualdez, Gonzales (A.P.), Garcia (G.), Pimentel, Cueva, Rodriguez (M.), Sy-Alvarado, Sambar, Bolilia, Savellano, Antonio, Del Mar, Nieto, Violago, Nograles (J.), Cosalan, Cerafica, Mariño, Dy, Lee, Belaro, Palma, Barbers, Panganiban, Mending, Belmonte (R.), Paduano, Fortuno, Ortega (V.), Del Rosario, Marcos, Velasco-Catera, Ty, Go (M.), Salo, Roa-Puno, Tupas, Roman, Pancho, Mangaoang, Go (A.C.), Daza, Albano, Herrera-Dy, Canama, Sarmiento (E.), Salon, Fariñas, Gomez, Kho, Bataoil, Siao, Revilla, Villarica, Abellanosa, Bagatsing, Vargas-Alfonso, Deloso-Montalla, Ceriles, Lacson, Silverio, Tinio, Arenas, Eriguel, Romualdo, Turabin-Hataman, Lazatin, Yap (V.), Villarin, Villafuerte, Lobregat, Uy (R.), Eusebio, Chavez, Flores, Cortuna, Hofer, Loyola, Madrona, Dalog, Batocabe, Bravo (A.), and Alvarez (P.) Per Committee Report No. 48, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT,

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

has considered the same and has the honor to report these bills and resolution back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. ~~1365~~ prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 109, 324, 795, and 1179, taking into consideration S.B. Nos. 397 and 943, PSR No. 142, and H. No. 4767, with Senators Gordon, Villar, Recto, Ejercito, Legarda, Angara, Villanueva, Poe, and Cayetano as authors thereof.

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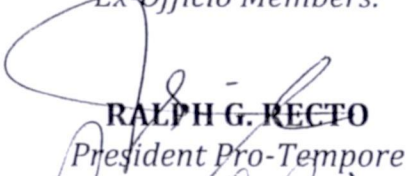

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Prepared and submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations
with Senators Gordon, Villar, Recto, Ejercito, Legarda, Angara,
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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8239, otherwise known as the
2 "Philippine Passport Act of 1996", is hereby amended to read, as follows:

3 **"SEC. 10. Validity.** – Regular passports issued under this Act shall be
4 valid for a period of TEN (10) [five (5)] years: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT*
5 *FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, ONLY A*
6 *PASSPORT WITH FIVE-YEAR VALIDITY SHALL BE ISSUED: Provided,*
7 *[however] FURTHER,* That the issuing authority may limit the period of
8 validity to less than TEN (10) [five (5)] years; whenever in the national
9 economic interest or political stability of the country such restriction is
10 necessary: *Provided finally,* That a new passport may be issued to replace
11 one which validity has expired, the old passport being returned to the holder
12 after cancellation."

13 **SEC. 2. Implementing Authority.** The Department of Foreign Affairs shall issue
14 the necessary implementing rules and regulations and adopt best practices to ensure
15 that the provisions of this Act are implemented in convergence with necessary reforms
16 to make the passport processing system seamless, convenient and pro-people, and the
17 production and security of passports at par with technological advances and world
18 standards.

19 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared
20 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full
21 force and effect.

1 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other
2 issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or
3 modified accordingly.

4 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
5 in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,