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PREPARED AND SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY THE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; FINANCE; AND PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM ACT WITH SENATORS DRILON, LEGARDA, EJERCITO, VILLAR, LACSON, RECTO, VILLANUEVA, TRILLANES IV, AQUINO IV, ZUBIRI, GORDON, PACQUIAO, ANGARA AND GATCHALIAN AS AUTHORS THEREOF

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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
2 the “Philippine Identification System Act of 2018”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is hereby declared
4 the policy of the State to establish a single national
5 identification system referred to as the “Philippine
6 Identification System” or the “PhilSys” for all citizens and

1 resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines to
2 promote seamless delivery of service, to improve the
3 efficiency, transparency, and targeted delivery of public
4 and social services, to enhance administrative governance,
5 to reduce corruption and curtail bureaucratic red tape, to
6 avert fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations, to
7 strengthen financial inclusion, and to promote ease of
8 doing business. Towards this end, a resilient digital system
9 shall be deployed to secure the data collected and ensure
10 that the people's right to privacy, confidentiality and other
11 basic rights are at all times upheld and protected.

12 It is also the declared policy of the State to recognize
13 the indispensable role of the private sector as the main
14 engine of national growth and development, and to provide
15 the most appropriate incentives to mobilize private
16 resources for the purpose of promoting the use and
17 ensuring maximum efficiency of the PhilSys as envisioned
18 in this Act.

19 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – The PhilSys, a foundational
20 identification system, shall primarily be established to

1 provide a valid proof of identity for all citizens and resident
2 aliens as a means of simplifying public and private
3 transactions. The PhilSys aims to eliminate the need to
4 present other forms of identification when transacting with
5 the government and the private sector, subject to
6 appropriate authentication measures based on a biometric
7 identification system.

8 Furthermore, the PhilSys shall be a social and
9 economic platform through which all transactions
10 including public and private services can be availed of and
11 shall serve as the link in the promotion of seamless service
12 delivery, enhancing administrative governance, reducing
13 corruption, strengthening financial inclusion, and
14 promoting ease of doing business.

15 *SEC. 4. Scope and Application.* – This Act shall apply
16 to all persons or entities, natural or juridical, in all
17 transactions where the PhilSys Number, Philippine
18 Identification (PhilID), or biometric information is
19 required, presented, or used, whether legally or illegally,
20 within or outside the Republic of the Philippines.

1 SEC. 5. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

2 (a) *Authentication* refers to the process of verifying,
3 whether online or offline, the identity of an individual
4 against the registry information in the PhilSys or PhilID.

5 (b) *Biometric exceptions* refer to instances whereby
6 a citizen or resident alien is not able to give complete set of
7 biometrics as required by PhilSys but is nevertheless
8 admitted into the PhilSys.

9 (c) *Biometric information* refers to facial image,
10 fingerprint, iris scan and/or such other identifiable
11 features of an individual.

12 (d) *Cardholder* refers to a citizen or resident alien
13 who has been registered under the PhilSys and who has
14 been issued and thus, in possession of the Philippine
15 Identification Card.

16 (e) *Citizen* refers to a Filipino citizen, as defined in
17 the Constitution, including those with dual or multiple
18 citizenships, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9225,
19 otherwise known as the “Citizenship Retention and Re-
20 acquisition Act of 2003”.

1 (f) *Foundational ID System* is one that has been
2 created for general public administration and identification
3 which may serve as the basis for a wide variety of public
4 and private transactions, services, and derivative identity
5 credentials.

6 (g) *Mobile Registration* refers to transportable
7 registration centers.

8 (h) *Personal information* refers to any information
9 whether recorded in a material form or not, from which the
10 identity of an individual is apparent or can be reasonably
11 and directly ascertained by the entity holding the
12 information, or when put together with other information
13 would directly and certainly identify an individual as
14 defined in Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the
15 "Data Privacy Act of 2012".

16 (i) *Philippine Embassy* or *Philippine Foreign Service*
17 *post* refers to a diplomatic mission or consular office of the
18 Republic of the Philippines in a foreign country, including
19 the economic and cultural office of the Philippines, or the
20 like, in a foreign territory.

1 (j) *Record history* refers to an entry in the PhilSys
2 consisting of the information regarding a registered person
3 in connection with his or her entries in the system and his
4 or her PhilID, as follows:

5 (1) Date of filing of the application for registration
6 and the particulars thereof;

7 (2) Date of filing of every application for modification
8 and the particulars thereof;

9 (3) Modification of entry made, the date such
10 modification was made, and the document/s or other proof
11 submitted in support thereof;

12 (4) Reason for the omission of any entry;

13 (5) Dates of issuance, reissuance, and cancellation
14 of the PhilID, and including the reasons therefor;

15 (6) Details of authentication requests processed by
16 the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), including the
17 date the request was made and processed, the requesting
18 entity, and the response provided by PhilSys;

19 (7) Disclosure, conveyance, dissemination, publication
20 and use of information by third parties; and

1 (8) Other relevant information regarding the
2 registration, modification, and authentication of personal
3 information of a citizen or resident alien under this Act;

4 (k) *Registered information* refers to any personal
5 information regarding a citizen or resident alien recorded
6 in the PhilSys, including biometric information and
7 information about a citizen or resident alien required
8 under this Act to be recorded under the PhilSys.

9 (j) *Registered person* refers to a person who has been
10 registered under the PhilSys.

11 (l) *Registration* refers to the process of entering
12 demographic and biometric information of citizens or
13 resident aliens in the Philippines to the system.

14 (m) *Registration centers* refer to necessary facilities to
15 capture both demographic and biometrics information
16 required for PhilSys as enumerated in Section 9 of this Act.

17 (n) *Resident alien* refers to an individual who is not a
18 citizen of the Philippines but has established residence in
19 the Philippines for an aggregate period of more than one
20 hundred eighty (180) days.

1 SEC. 6. *The Philippine Identification System*
2 (*PhilSys*). – The PhilSys is the government’s central
3 identification platform for all citizens and resident aliens
4 of the Philippines. An individual’s record in the PhilSys
5 shall be considered as an official and sufficient proof of
6 identity.

7 SEC. 7. *Philippine Identification System Components.*
8 – The PhilSys shall have the following key components:

9 (a) *PhilSys Number (PSN)*. – The PSN is a randomly
10 generated, unique, and permanent identification number
11 that will be assigned to every citizen or resident alien upon
12 birth or registration by the PSA. All government agencies,
13 including government-owned or -controlled corporations
14 (GOCCs) shall incorporate in their identification systems
15 and databases the PSN of covered individuals which shall
16 be the standard number for the individual across all
17 agencies of the government. The PSN, in print, electronic
18 or any other form, subject to authentication, shall be
19 accepted as sufficient proof of identity.

1 (b) *The PhilSys Registry.* – The PSA, as repository
2 and custodian of all data, shall create and maintain a
3 PhilSys Registry that will contain the PSN, registered
4 records, and information of all persons registered in the
5 PhilSys. The information in the PhilSys Registry shall be
6 classified in a manner that allows safeguards for data
7 privacy and security, access controls, and change
8 management.

9 (c) *The PhilID.* – A nontransferable card shall
10 preferably be issued to all citizens or resident aliens
11 registered under the PhilSys subject to the guidelines to be
12 issued by the PSA.

13 (1) *Features.* – The PhilID shall be the physical
14 medium issued to convey essential information about the
15 person's identity containing on its face the PSN, full name,
16 facial image, date of birth, address and some fingerprint
17 information of the individual in whose favor it was issued.
18 All information appearing in the PhilID should match with
19 the registered information in the PhilSys. The PhilID shall
20 contain security features as safeguards for data privacy

1 and security, and prevention against the proliferation of
2 fraudulent or falsified identification cards. The PSA in
3 consideration of advances in technology, utility, security
4 and confidentiality may, subject to appropriate guidelines
5 that shall be issued on the matter, provide citizens or
6 resident aliens with mobile PhilID.

7 (2) *Purpose.* – The PhilID shall serve as the official
8 government-issued identification document of cardholders
9 in dealing with all national government agencies, local
10 government units (LGUs), government-owned or -controlled
11 corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions
12 (GFIs), and all private sector entities.

13 (3) *Fees.* – The initial application and issuance as
14 well as the renewal of the PhilID for citizens shall be free
15 of charge. A standard fee shall be collected by the issuing
16 agency from resident aliens and on the reissuance of a
17 replacement card: *Provided,* That the PSA may identify
18 instances wherein a replacement card may be issued free of
19 charge.

1 SEC. 8. *PhilSys Registry Data*. – Information to be
2 collected and stored under the PhilSys shall be limited to
3 the following:

4 (a) Demographic Data

5 (1) Full Name;

6 (2) Sex;

7 (3) Date of Birth;

8 (4) Place of Birth;

9 (5) Address;

10 (6) Filipino or Resident Alien;

11 (7) Mobile Number (optional); and

12 (8) E-mail address (optional)

13 (b) Biometrics Information

14 (1) Facial image;

15 (2) Full set of fingerprints;

16 (3) Iris scan; and

17 (4) If necessary, other identifiable features of an
18 individual as may be determined in the implementing
19 rules and regulations (IRR).

1 In case of visual or physical impairment that renders
2 the capturing of the biometric information of the person
3 applying for registration impossible, biometric exceptions
4 shall be employed and allowed by the PSA. The PSA shall
5 issue guidelines for the appropriate age for capturing the
6 biometrics information of minors.

7 SEC. 9. *Registration.* - One (1) year after the
8 effectivity of this Act, every citizen or resident alien shall
9 register personally with the following registration centers
10 that have the necessary facilities to capture the information
11 required to be contained in the Registry:

- 12 (a) PSA Regional and Provincial Offices;
- 13 (b) Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs);
- 14 (c) Government Service Insurance System (GSIS);
- 15 (d) Social Security System (SSS);
- 16 (e) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
17 (PhilHealth);
- 18 (f) Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF);
- 19 (g) Commission on Elections (COMELEC);
- 20 (h) Philippine Postal Corporation (PhilPost); and

1 (i) Other government agencies and GOCCs as may
2 be assigned by the PSA.

3 In the case of Filipino citizens residing abroad, the
4 registration shall be made in the nearest Philippine
5 Embassy or Philippine Foreign Service post, or other
6 registration centers that may be designated by the
7 Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in coordination with
8 the PSA.

9 Special arrangements shall be made for the
10 registration of the following:

11 (a) Minors;

12 (b) Senior Citizens;

13 (c) Persons with disability;

14 (d) Indigenous Persons; and

15 (e) Persons in Institutional Households.

16 The PSA shall also initiate mobile registrations to
17 cater to citizens and resident aliens in remote areas.

18 Registration in the PhilSys is deemed successful and
19 complete upon the issuance of the PSN and confirmation of
20 registration by the PSA.

1 SEC. 10. *Basic Documentary Requirements.* – The
2 registration centers shall require the presentation of the
3 applicant's birth certificate as a basic documentary
4 requirement for identification of citizens seeking to
5 register with the PhilSys: *Provided,* That for resident
6 aliens, proof of his or her residence in the Philippines shall
7 be required: *Provided, further,* That in order to ensure
8 easier verification, citizens and resident aliens may be
9 allowed to submit an alternative or additional document/s
10 to prove his or her identity. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
11 appropriate guidelines shall be issued to ensure that the
12 registration is not prohibitive and restrictive as to unduly
13 defeat the purpose of this Act.

14 SEC. 11. *Change of Entries.* – In case of change in any
15 of the entries in the information collected and stored under
16 the PhilSys, citizens or resident aliens shall update their
17 registration information in the manner to be specified by
18 the PSA: *Provided,* That every ten (10) years after
19 registration, citizens and when applicable, resident aliens,

1 shall renew his or her registration to ensure continued
2 accuracy of the registrant information.

3 SEC. 12. *Authentication.* -- For purposes of
4 establishing proof of identity for transacting business with
5 any government agency, the presentation of the PhilID or
6 PSN shall constitute sufficient proof thereof, subject to
7 proper authentication. Private entities are likewise
8 mandated to accept the PhilID or PSN as valid proof of
9 identity under the same terms and conditions as above:
10 *Provided,* That when authentication cannot be performed,
11 without any fault on the part the cardholder or holder of a
12 PSN, the PSA shall ensure that he or she will not be
13 disadvantaged or prejudiced thereby.

14 The PSA shall perform authentication of the PSN of
15 an individual submitted by any requesting entity, in
16 relation to his or her biometric information or demographic
17 information, subject to such conditions and upon payment
18 of such fees and in such manner as may be specified by
19 regulations. The PSA may charge reasonable fees for
20 authentication services as it may deem necessary.

1 Any requesting entity shall obtain the consent of an
2 individual before collecting his or her identity information
3 for the purposes of authentication. It shall inform the
4 individual submitting his or her identity information the
5 following details, namely, (a) the nature of the information
6 that may be shared upon authentication, and (b) the uses
7 to which the information received during authentication
8 may be put by the requesting entity: *Provided*, That the
9 information requested shall only be used for the purpose
10 for which it was requested.

11 Sec. 13. *Use of the PhilID/PSN.* – The PhilID shall
12 be honored and accepted, subject to authentication, in all
13 transactions requiring proof or verification of citizens or
14 residents' alien identity, such as, but not limited to:

15 (a) Application for eligibility and access to social
16 welfare and benefits granted by the government;

17 (b) Application for services and benefits offered by
18 GSIS, SSS, PhilHealth, HDMF, and other government
19 agencies;

20 (c) Applications for passports and driver's license;

- 1 (d) Tax-related transactions;
- 2 (e) Registration and voting identification purposes;
- 3 (f) Admission to any government hospital, health
4 center or similar institution;
- 5 (g) All other government transactions;
- 6 (h) Application for admission in schools, colleges,
7 learning institutions and universities, whether public or
8 private;
- 9 (i) Application and transaction for employment
10 purposes;
- 11 (j) Opening of bank accounts and other transactions
12 with banks and other financial institutions;
- 13 (k) Such other transactions, uses or purposes, as
14 may be defined in the IRR.

15 The PSN and biometrics of an individual, as
16 authenticated through the PhilSys, shall be honored and
17 accepted, notwithstanding the absence or non-presentation
18 of a PhilID.

1 SEC. 14. *Limitations.* – Proof of identity shall not
2 necessarily be construed as proof of eligibility to avail of
3 certain benefits and services which shall be determined
4 based on applicable rules and regulations of the
5 government authorities/agencies concerned. Issuance of
6 the PSN and/or PhilID shall not likewise be construed as
7 incontrovertible proof of citizenship.

8 SEC. 15. *Philippine Statistics Authority.* – The PSA
9 shall be the primary implementing agency to carry out the
10 provisions of this Act. Overall planning, management, and
11 administration of the PhilSys shall be the responsibility of
12 the PSA. It shall issue rules in the implementation and
13 enhancement of the PhilSys, including, but not limited to,
14 registration, authentication and data governance. It shall
15 ensure the integrity and security of the same, in
16 accordance with the provisions of this Act, including all
17 other applicable laws and policies. The PSA shall issue
18 guidelines and undertake measures to ensure secure,
19 reliable and efficient authentication of PhilSys record upon
20 the request of authorized government and private entities.

1 Pursuant thereto, the State shall provide for the
2 installation of state-of-the-art biometric machines in all
3 relevant agencies for authentication of data and identity
4 holders.

5 The PSA shall collaborate with LGUs, other
6 government agencies, and GOCCs in order to ensure the
7 registration and enrolment of all citizens and resident
8 aliens into the PhilSys including the Indigenous Cultural
9 Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) and those
10 located in remote localities.

11 The PhilSys shall be managed, maintained, and
12 administered by the PSA with the technical assistance of
13 the Department of Information and Communications
14 Technology (DICT). Nothing in this Act prevents the PSA
15 from adopting new but more effective technology, including
16 for registration, authentication and data security, taking
17 into consideration the declared principles and objectives of
18 this Act.

1 For the above-mentioned purposes, there shall be
2 established within the PSA and directly under the Office of
3 the National Statistician, a separate office to be headed by
4 a Deputy National Statistician, which shall perform the
5 functions provided for under this Act.

6 SEC. 16. *Creation of the PhilSys Policy and Coordination*
7 *Council (PSPCC).* – The PhilSys Policy and Coordination
8 Council (PSPCC) is organized to formulate policies and
9 guidelines to ensure effective coordination and
10 implementation of the PhilSys. The PSPCC shall be
11 composed of the following:

12 (a) Secretary, National Economic and Development
13 Authority (NEDA) – Chairperson

14 (b) National Statistician and Civil Registrar
15 General, PSA – Co-Chairperson

16 (c) Undersecretary, Department of Budget and
17 Management (DBM) – Vice Chairperson

18 Members:

19 (d) Undersecretary, DFA

20 (e) Undersecretary, DICT

- 1 (f) Undersecretary, Department of Finance (DOF)
- 2 (g) Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare
3 and Development (DSWD)
- 4 (h) Undersecretary, Department of the Interior and
5 Local Government (DILG)
- 6 (i) Chairman, National Privacy Commission (NPC)
- 7 (j) Deputy Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
8 (BSP)
- 9 (k) President and General Manager, GSIS
- 10 (l) President and Chief Executive Officer, PhilHealth
- 11 (m) President and Chief Executive Officer, SSS
- 12 (n) Postmaster General, PhilPost

13 The PSPCC shall ensure the compatibility of the
14 respective technology infrastructure of different
15 government agencies in order to comply with the
16 requirements of PhilSys.

17 SEC. 17. *Protection Against Unlawful Disclosure of*
18 *Information/Records.* – No person may disclose, collect,
19 record, convey, disseminate, publish, or use any
20 information of registered persons with the PhilSys, give

1 access thereto or give copies thereof to third parties or
2 entities, including law enforcement agencies, national
3 security agencies, or units of the Armed Forces of the
4 Philippines (AFP), except in the following circumstances:

5 (a) When the registered person has given his or her
6 consent, specific to the purpose prior to the processing;

7 (b) When the compelling interest of public health or
8 safety so requires, relevant information may be disclosed
9 provided that the risk of significant harm to the public is
10 established and the owner of the information is notified
11 within seventy-two (72) hours of the fact of such disclosure;
12 and

13 (c) Upon the order of any competent court.

14 Information disclosed shall not be used except for the
15 specific purpose for which it was authorized and shall not
16 be divulged by any person to any third party other than
17 the person so authorized.

18 PSA must ensure that information in the PhilSys is
19 used only in accordance with its intended purpose as set
20 forth in this Act.

1 Any information obtained as a result of unlawful
2 disclosure under this Act shall be inadmissible in any
3 judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings.

4 Registered persons may request the PSA to provide
5 access to his or her registered information and record
6 history subject to the guidelines and regulations to be
7 issued by the PSA.

8 SEC. 18. *Safeguards on the Philippine Identification*
9 *System (PhilSys)*. – The PSA with the technical assistance
10 of the DICT shall implement reasonable and appropriate
11 organizational, technical, and physical security measures
12 to ensure that the information gathered for the PhilSys,
13 including information stored in the PhilSys Registry, is
14 protected from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, and
15 against accidental or intentional loss, destruction, or
16 damage. Moreover, PSA shall ensure that individuals are
17 adequately informed upon registration for PhilSys on how
18 their data will be used and how they can access their
19 registered information and record history.

1 While upholding the confidentiality provisions under
2 Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the
3 “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013”, all data collated by the
4 PSA under the PhilSys may be used to generate aggregate
5 data or statistical summaries without reference to or
6 identification of any specific individual: *Provided*, That
7 nothing in this Act shall be construed as prohibiting or
8 limiting the sharing or transfer of any personal data that is
9 already authorized or required by law.

10 SEC. 19. *Penal Provision.* – Any person or entity who,
11 without just and sufficient cause, shall refuse to accept,
12 acknowledge and/or recognize the PhilID or PSN, subject
13 to authentication, as the only official identification of the
14 holder/possessor thereof shall be fined in the amount of
15 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00).

16 Any person who utilizes the PhilID or PSN in an
17 unlawful manner or use the same to commit any
18 fraudulent act or for other unlawful purpose/s shall be
19 punished with imprisonment of not less than six (6)
20 months but not more than two (2) years or a fine of not less

1 than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) but not more than
2 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or both, at
3 the discretion of the court.

4 The penalty of three (3) years to six (6) years
5 imprisonment and a fine of One million pesos
6 (P1,000,000.00) to Three million pesos (P3,000,000.00)
7 shall be imposed upon any offender found guilty of any of
8 the following acts or omissions:

9 (a) The willful submission of or causing to be
10 submitted a fictitious name or false information in the
11 application, renewal, or updating in the PhilSys by any
12 person;

13 (b) The unauthorized printing, preparation, or
14 issuance of a PhilID by any person;

15 (c) Willful falsification, mutilation, alteration, or
16 tampering of the PhilID by any person;

17 (d) The use or of the PhilID/PSN or unauthorized
18 possession of a PhilID, without any reasonable excuse by
19 any person other than the one to whom it was issued or the
20 possession of a fake, falsified, or altered PhilID; or

1 (e) The willful transfer of the PhilID or the PSN to
2 any other person.

3 The penalty of six (6) years to ten (10) years
4 imprisonment and a fine of Three million pesos
5 (P3,000,000.00) to Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) shall
6 be imposed upon any offender found guilty of any of the
7 following acts or omissions:

8 (a) Any person who shall collect or use personal data
9 in violation of Section 12 of this Act;

10 (b) Any person who shall willfully use or disclose
11 data or information in violation of Section 17 of this Act; or

12 (c) Any person, not covered by the succeeding
13 paragraphs, who shall access the PhilSys or process data
14 or information contained therein without any authority.

15 If financial profit resulted from accessing, disclosing,
16 or using the data or information, the guilty person shall, in
17 addition, pay twice the amount gained from such act.

18 Malicious disclosure of data or information by
19 officials, employees or agents who have the custody or
20 responsibility of maintaining the PhilSys shall be

1 penalized with ten (10) years to fifteen (15) years
2 imprisonment and a fine of Five million pesos
3 (P5,000,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00). If
4 financial profit resulted from such disclosure or processing
5 of the data or information, the guilty person shall, in
6 addition, pay twice the amount gained from such act.

7 Officials, employees or agents who have the custody
8 or responsibility of managing or maintaining the PhilSys
9 shall be penalized with three (3) years to six (6) years
10 imprisonment and a fine of One million pesos
11 (P1,000,000.00) to Three million pesos (P3,000,000.00) if by
12 their own negligence, the PhilSys is accessed by
13 unauthorized persons, or the data or information contained
14 therein is processed without any authority from this Act or
15 any existing law.

16 In all instances, if the violation was committed by a
17 government official or employee, the penalty shall include
18 perpetual absolute disqualification from holding any public

1 office or employment in the government, including any
2 GOCCs, and their subsidiaries.

3 The penalties imposed in this section shall be in
4 addition to those imposed on acts or omissions punishable
5 by existing penal and other laws.

6 SEC. 20. *Transitory Provisions.* – The PSA shall carry
7 out the implementation of the PhilSys in such manner that
8 the operations of card-issuing government agencies shall not
9 be impeded so as not to unduly delay delivery of public
10 service: *Provided,* That the PSA shall gradually synchronize
11 and consolidate all existing government-initiated
12 identification systems into one integrated and
13 interconnected identification system that will ensure an
14 easier, faster, more reliable and more secure access to
15 information and services.

16 SEC. 21. *Funding.* – The amount necessary to
17 implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in
18 the General Appropriations Act.

19 SEC. 22. *Information Campaign.* – Within three (3)
20 months from the effectivity of this Act, the PSA, together

1 with the DFA and other government agencies, shall
2 undertake an extensive information campaign to promote
3 the PhilSys to all citizens and resident aliens.

4 SEC. 23. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*

5 – Within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, the
6 PSA, in coordination with the members of PSPCC, shall
7 promulgate rules and regulations and exchange existing
8 technologies and best practices on the issuance of the
9 PhilID/PSN, authentication and data security to
10 effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

11 SEC. 24. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision,
12 section, or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional
13 or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate, or
14 impair any other provisions, sections, or parts hereof.

15 SEC. 25. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, except Republic
16 Act No. 10173, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations,
17 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
18 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 26. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen
2 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
3 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,