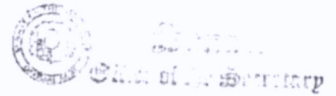


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AN ACT

**PROMOTING OPEN ACCESS IN DATA TRANSMISSION, PROVIDING
ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Open Access in Data Transmission Act."

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the State to narrow the digital divide in the country by encouraging the development of data transmission infrastructure and removing any barrier to competition in data transmission services. Moreover, the State shall implement measures to require data transmission service providers to adhere to telecommunications standards suitable to the needs and aspirations of the nation and ensure that internet users enjoy the best quality of data transmission service. The State shall:

a. promote the construction and development of reliable, affordable, open and accessible data networks that transmit information at speed and quality comparable to the best in the world;