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CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND RE-ACQUISITION ACT OF 2003, FURTHER  
AMENDING COMMONWEALTH NO. 63, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9225 or the Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003 states that, under given conditions, all Philippine citizens of another country shall be deemed not to have lost their Philippine citizenship.

Further, Section 4 of the same states that:

"Section. 4. Derivative citizenship – The unmarried child, whether legitimate, illegitimate or adopted, below eighteen (18) years of age, of those who re-acquire Philippine citizenship upon effectivity of this Act shall be deemed citizenship of the Philippines."

This measure seeks to expand the derivative citizenship provision of RA 9225 to allow non-minor children of former natural-born Filipino citizens who filed for re-acquisition of their Philippine citizenship to apply to be recognized as citizens of the Philippines.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1        **Section 1.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3                "Section. 4. Derivative citizenship – The unmarried child, whether  
4        legitimate, illegitimate or adopted, below eighteen (18) years of age, of those  
5        who re-acquire Philippine citizenship upon effectivity of this Act shall be  
6        deemed citizenship **CITIZEN** of the Philippines.  
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8                **NON-MINOR CHILDREN, WHETHER LEGITIMATE,  
9        ILLEGITIMATE OR ADOPTED, OF THOSE WHO RE-ACQUIRE  
10       PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER THIS ACT MAY OPT TO APPLY,  
11       UNDER THIS ACT, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS PHILIPPINE CITIZEN  
12       WITHIN TEN (10) YEARS FROM APPROVAL THEREOF."**  
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14        **Section 2. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and  
15        other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified  
16        accordingly.  
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18        **Section 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
19        in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*