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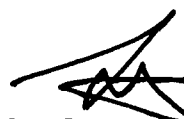
Explanatory Note

A ZIP Code is a four-digit number that represents a specific locality. First introduced in the United States by the Postal Service in 1963, it was later adopted by the Philippine Postal Corporation (PhilPost). ZIP Codes significantly improved postal services by minimizing sorting and delivery errors caused by illegible or incomplete addresses.

Currently, PhilPost utilizes around 1,400 ZIP codes, which are assigned to cities and municipalities. However, large cities often have multiple ZIP codes, and certain institutions, such as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), are assigned their own unique codes.

This proposed measure aims to assign a unique ZIP code to each of the 42,011 barangays in the Philippines. By doing so, it seeks not only to enhance the delivery of mail but also to optimize the use of ZIP codes for providing basic services. It serves as a counterpart to House Bill No. 11255, primarily authored and sponsored by Parañaque 1st District Representative Edwin L. Olivarez and Ilocos Norte 1st District Representative Ronald V. Singson.

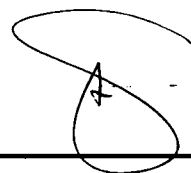In light of the above, the swift approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1   SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Modernized ZIP Code

2   System Act."

3   SEC. 2. The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST) is hereby

4   mandated to adopt and institutionalize a modernized alphanumeric Zone

5   Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code System.

6   SEC. 3. The modernized alphanumeric ZIP Code shall be

7   composed of two (2) alphabetic characters (A-Z), representing the

8   province, and five (5) Arabic numerals (0-9), representing the city or

9   municipality and barangay. Each of the current forty-two thousand and

10   eleven (42,011) barangays shall be assigned a unique alphanumeric zip

11   code: Provided, That the PHLPOST shall ensure that the system allows

12   flexibility in accommodating the creation, division, merger, or abolition of

13   a barangay, through a law or ordinance, and shall regularly coordinate

14   with the Department of the Interior and Local Government and other

15   concerned government agencies.

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1   SEC. 4. Utilizing the modernized system, the PHLPOST shall

2 update its website's ZIP Code Locator that shall allow the public to search

3 with ease the ZIP Code of a certain barangay and vice versa.

4   SEC. 5. A transitory period of thirty-six (36) months from the

5 effectivity of this Act shall be set for all national government agencies, local

6 government units, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and

7 private sector entities to update their database using the new ZIP Code

8 System. The PHLPOST shall develop and implement, together with the

9 communications offices of all government agencies, an information and

10 education campaign on the modernized ZIP Code System to all sectors,

11 within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

12   SEC. 6. All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive

13 orders, letters of instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the

14 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

15   SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its

16 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

17   Approved,

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