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[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. **11055** ]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Identification System Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish a single national identification system referred to as the “Philippine Identification System” or the “PhilSys” for all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines to promote seamless delivery of service, to improve the efficiency, transparency, and targeted delivery of public and social services, to enhance administrative governance, to reduce corruption and curtail bureaucratic red tape, to avert fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations, to strengthen financial inclusion, and to promote ease of doing

business. Towards this end, a resilient digital system shall be deployed to secure the data collected and ensure that the people's right to privacy, confidentiality and other basic rights are at all times upheld and protected.

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

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – The PhilSys shall primarily be established to provide a valid proof of identity for all citizens and resident aliens as a means of simplifying public and private transactions. The PhilSys aims to eliminate the need to present other forms of identification when transacting with the government and the private sector, subject to appropriate authentication measures based on a biometric identification system.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) *Biometric information* refers to front facing photograph, fingerprint, iris scan and/or such other identifiable features of an individual.

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

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

(f) *Mobile Registration* refers to transportable registration centers.

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

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

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

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

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

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