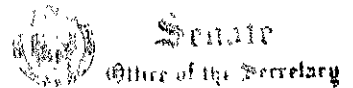
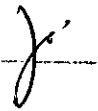


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ESTABLISHING NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Cellular phone use has become a vital part of our lives. Communication has been very effective especially in the advent of cellular phone use. It has also effectively eased information dissemination, not only not only for day to day business, school and family concerns, but also for purposes of communication during emergencies and national calamities.


Because of the vital role that cellular phone has played in our everyday lives, it is beneficial to users that they may be able to preserve their phone numbers even if they change networks or they change from postpaid model or prepaid model, and vice versa. This property is referred to as Mobile Number Portability. This feature will be a great help to consumers especially if they have had their phone numbers for so long and the need to change networks arises.

It is imperative that the State promotes consumers' choice especially in telecommunications which have been an inevitable public service for our people. Superior services suitable to their needs, therefore, shall always be advanced. Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1       **Section 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Mobile Telephone Number  
2 Portability Act of 2015"

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4       **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to ensure and  
5 promote public interest and convenience in the country. The remarkable growth of  
6 mobile telephone subscribers connotes telecommunications as an inevitable public  
7 service needing reasonable regulation to promote the interest of the continuously  
8 growing consumers or mobile telephone subscribers. In view of this, the State shall  
9 promote consumers' choice in telecommunications service to avail of superior services  
10 suitable to their needs thereby giving value to the cost of the telephone service.

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12       **Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.** – for purposes of this Act, the following terms shall  
13 mean:

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15       a) *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* – refers to n authority  
16 issued by the Commission to operate a public telecommunications  
17 service based on the premise that the provision of said service and the  
18 authorization to do business will promote public interest in a proper and  
19 suitable manner;
- 20       b) *Commission* – refers to the National telecommunications Commission  
21 (NTC);
- 22       c) *Franchise* – refers to the privilege conferred upon a telecommunications  
23 entity by Congress authorizing the said entity to engage in a certain type  
24 of telecommunications service;

- 1 d) *Mobile Telephone Number Portability* – refers to the ability to transfer an  
2 existing mobile telephone number assigned by a telephone service  
3 provider to another service provider;
- 4 e) *Postpaid Mobile Account* – refers to a model of mobile telephone service  
5 whereby the customers or subscribers are charged for usage in the prior  
6 month. It is an account for which customers or subscribers are billed for  
7 their use of a service provider services on a monthly basis, based on  
8 either the terms of a contract or on amount of services they have used;
- 9 f) *Prepaid Mobile Account* – refers to a model of mobile telephone service  
10 whereby customers or subscribers are required to add a certain amount  
11 to their accounts prior to usage and their maximum usage is limited to  
12 the amount that is added to the account. It is an account for which credit  
13 is purchased in advance of service use;
- 14 g) *Provisional Authority* – refers to a temporary authority issued by the  
15 Commission to operate a public telecommunications service.  
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17 **Sec. 4. Mobile Telephone Number Portability** – The Commission shall require  
18 all mobile telephone service providers to provide consumers or mobile telephone  
19 subscribers the option to retain their numbers in the following events:  
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- 21 a) Switching from one service provider to another; *Provided*, That the  
22 subscriber has duly registered his name and mobile telephone number  
23 with the originating service provider; *Provided further*, That the  
24 subscriber opting to switch to another mobile service provider has no  
25 existing liability or outstanding obligations with the originating service  
26 provider;
- 27 b) Switching from a mobile postpaid account to a mobile prepaid account  
28 and vice versa; *Provided*, That the subscriber has duly registered his  
29 name and mobile telephone number with the service provider; *Provided*  
30 *further*, That the subscriber opting to switch from a mobile prepaid  
31 account and vice versa has no existing liability or outstanding obligations  
32 with the service provider.  
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34 **Sec. 5. Funding Provisions.** – The Commission shall immediately hereinafter  
35 include in the Commission's programs the prompt implementation of this Act, funding of  
36 which shall be provided for in the Annual General Appropriations Act.  
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1           **Sec. 6. Separability Clause** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held  
2 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall  
3 continue to be in full force and effect.

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5           **Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
6 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or  
7 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
8 accordingly.

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10           **Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

***Approved,***