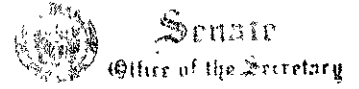


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AN ACT
REQUIRING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BUREAUS, AGENCIES,
INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AFFILIATES, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS,
TO DISCLOSE CONTACT INFORMATION

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 3, Section 7 states that:

The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

The government should be accessible to the public. To ensure that the public gets the right information in getting in touch with any government agency, disclosure of their contact details should be included first and foremost in their official stationeries.¹

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¹ This bill was previously filed during the Thirteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

1 official stationeries. In the case of correspondence originating from a regional or local
2 office of a government agency, the agency shall include the address and phone number of
3 the regional or local office on the stationery.

4 SECTION 5. *Exception.* – This shall not apply in any case in which compliance
5 with Section 4 would not be in the national security interests of the Republic of the
6 Philippines, as determined by the head of the agency.

7 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
8 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
9 provisions hereof.

10 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
11 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
12 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

13 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
14 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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