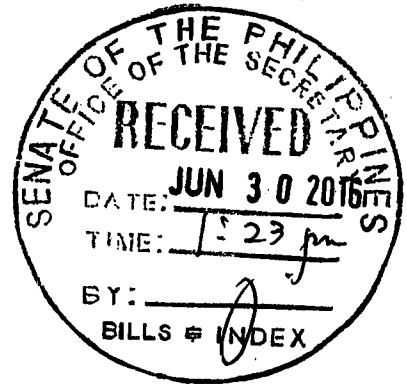


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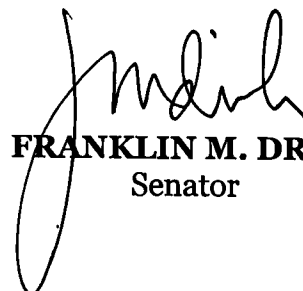
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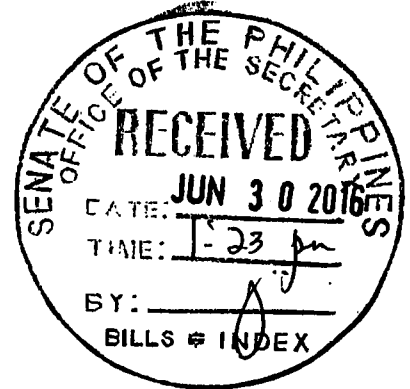
Following the constitutional policy that "(t)hose whose fathers or mothers are citizens of the Philippines," citizenship acquired by parentage or through the principle of *jus sanguinis* is a right guaranteed by the highest law of the land. As such, natural-born citizens may not be automatically deprived of Philippine citizenship absent any corresponding free, willful and voluntary act on their part to expressly and formally renounce their citizenship before proper Philippine authorities.

Pursuant to this this legal precept, Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the "*Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003*," was passed. While the law has since benefitted thousands of natural-born Filipinos all over the world, the bureaucratic requirements have discouraged a greater number of our countrymen from availing of the benefits under the measure. The bill thus aims to simplify the manner by which Philippine citizenship is retained or reacquired.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill 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.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy
4 of the State that all **NATURAL-BORN** Philippine citizens who
5 become citizens of another country shall be deemed not to have
6 lost their Philippine citizenship under the conditions of this Act.

7 **SEC. 2.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **SEC. 3. Retention AND REACQUISITION of Philippine**
10 **Citizenship.** - Any provision of law to the contrary
11 notwithstanding, natural-born citizens of the Philippines who
12 have lost their Philippine citizenship by reason of their
13 naturalization as citizens of a foreign country are hereby deemed
14 to have re-acquired Philippine citizenship, [upon taking the
15 following oath of allegiance to the Republic:

16 "I _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
17 and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the
18 Philippines and obey the laws' and legal orders

1 promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the
2 Philippines, and I hereby declare that I recognize and
3 accept the supreme authority of the Philippines and will
4 maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; and that I
5 impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without
6 mental reservation or purpose of evasion."]

7 **UNLESS THEY RENOUNCE UNDER OATH THE**
8 **PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP BEFORE A PHILIPPINE**
9 **CONSULAR OFFICIAL ABROAD. OR ANY PUBLIC**
10 **OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER AN OATH:**
11 ***PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A RENUNCIATION***
12 **WHICH WAS MERELY A PART OF, OR IN**
13 **CONNECTION WITH, THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**
14 **REQUIRED BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES**
15 **OF NATURALIZATION WILL NOT BE A BAR TO**
16 **REACQUISITION OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP**
17 **UNDER THIS ACT.**

18 Natural-born citizens of the Philippines who, after the effectivity
19 of this Act, become citizens of a foreign country shall retain their
20 Philippine citizenship, [upon taking the aforesaid oath]
21 **UNLESS THEY RENOUNCE PHILIPPINE**
22 **CITIZENSHIP IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE**
23 **PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.**

24 **SEC. 3.** A new section after Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby
25 added to read as follows:

26 **SEC. 4. IRREVOCABILITY OF RENUNCIATION. - A**
27 **RENUNCIATION OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP**
28 **UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE TO**
29 **ITS GOVERNING JUDICIAL NATURALIZATION OF**
30 **ALIENS. A RENUNCIATION MADE BY PARENTS**
31 **SHALL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF DIVESTING**

1 **THEIR MINOR CHILDREN OF PHILIPPINE**
2 **CITIZENSHIP.**

3 **SEC. 4.** Section 4 and the subsequent sections of Republic Act No. 9225 are
4 hereby renumbered accordingly.

5 **SEC. 5.** The Title of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **AN ACT [MAKING THE] PROVIDING FOR THE**
8 **RETENTION AND REACQUISITION OF PHILIPPINE**
9 **CITIZENSHIP [OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENS WHO ACQUIRE**
10 **FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP PERMANENT], AMENDING FOR**
11 **THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 63, AS**
12 **AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

13 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.-** If any provision of this Act is declared
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in
15 full force and effect.

16 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. -** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations
17 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
18 accordingly.

19 **SEC. 8. Effectivity. -** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after
20 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,