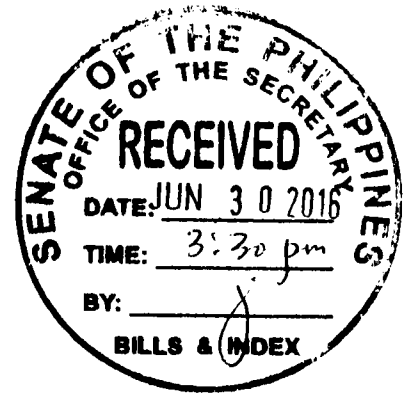


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution provides that the State shall encourage private enterprise and provide incentives to needed investments in recognition of the private sectors' indispensable role.<sup>1</sup>

Consequently, to realize this State policy, it is proposed that a more viable, efficient and doable means of incorporation needs to be institutionalized. More specifically, a law that shall allow the creation and recognition of a single person corporation as a juridical entity vested with the same powers, purposes and prerogatives as that of the current legal fiction with the mandatory "not less than five but not more than fifteen" incorporators.

A one-person corporation has gained popularity worldwide as a business vehicle given its advantages in terms of liability. Compared to a sole proprietorship, which is presently the only legal option available for a one-individual owned business entity, a one-person corporation liability is limited to the properties you infused in the corporation.

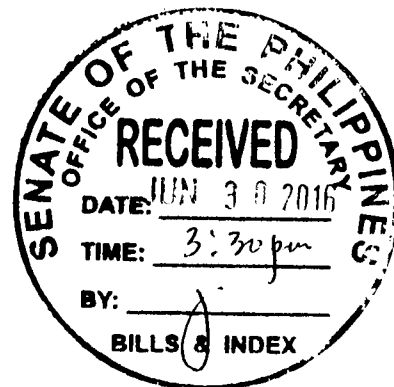
Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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<sup>1</sup>Section 20, Article II.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.*—This Act shall be known and cited as the *One-Person*  
2 *Corporations Act.*

3           **SEC. 2.**       *Declaration of Policy.* --It is the policy of the State, as enshrined in the  
4 Constitution, to encourage private enterprise and provide incentives to needed  
5 investments. As such and in recognition of the indispensable role of the private sector,  
6 the State shall provide a more viable, effective and efficient legal atmosphere for  
7 businesses and job opportunities to flourish. More particularly, the State prescribes a  
8 simpler and more doable manner of incorporation, allowing and recognizing a single  
9 individual corporation as a juridical entity created by fiction of law.

10          **SEC. 3.**       *Incorporation and Organization of One Person Private Corporations.* –  
11 Any natural person, of legal age and a resident of the Philippines, may form a one-  
12 person corporation for any lawful purpose or purposes. The single incorporator of a  
13 stock corporation must own or be the subscriber to the shares of the capital stock of the  
14 corporation.

15          **SEC. 4.**       *Suppletory Application.* – The provisions of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68  
16 or The Corporation Code of the Philippines, as amended, insofar as they are not  
17 inconsistent with the provisions hereof, shall apply to one-person corporations.

18          **SEC. 5.**       *Amendatory Clause.* – Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended,  
19 specifically Sections 10 and 14, Title II, thereof, and other provisions inconsistent  
20 herewith are hereby amended or modified accordingly. All other laws, orders and  
21 proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to  
22 the provisions of this Act or its purposes are likewise hereby amended or modified  
23 accordingly.

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25          **SEC. 6.**       *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
26 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
27 remain valid and subsisting

1           **SEC. 7.**       *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its  
2 publication in at least two newspapers of national circulation.

3           *Approved,*

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