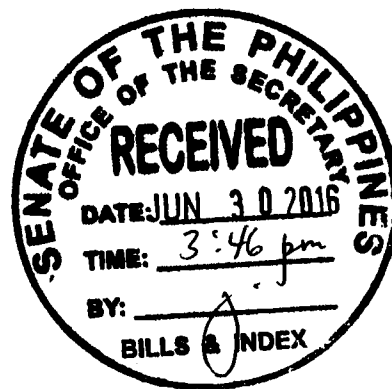


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to consolidate all other government identification system into one integrated identification system in order to sufficiently provide efficient services to all Filipinos. The new identification system will be issuing a Filipino Identification Card that would serve as the official identification for all citizens of the Republic of the Philippines. This Filipino ID Card will be provided to all Filipinos whether residing in the Philippines or abroad.

The Filipino ID system aims to reduce the red tape in government bureaucracy that hinders the provision of services by eliminating redundancies and simplifying the processes involved in public and private services. Among other uses, it will be honored in all transactions with the government requiring the identity of the person.

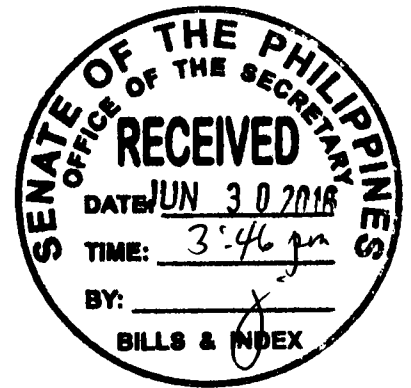
In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Filipino Identification System Act.*"

2 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic
3 social order that shall ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from
4 poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, and improved quality life for all.
5 Towards this end, an effective identification system is hereby established to curb the perennial
6 problem of red tape in the government bureaucracy and to simplify the processes relative to public
7 and private services.

8 **SEC. 3. The Filipino Identification System.** - The Filipino Identification System herein
9 referred to as the "identification system" is hereby established and instituted as an economic and
10 social tool towards the attainment of progressive society through efficient services for all Filipinos.
11 The identification system shall provide official identification of all citizens of the Republic of the
12 Philippines through the issuance of the Filipino Identification Card (Filipino ID). It shall gradually
13 concert and consolidate all existing government-initiated identification systems into one, integrated
14 and efficient identification system.

15 **SEC. 4. The Filipino Identification Card.** - Every Filipino, whether residing in the
16 Philippines or abroad is mandated to have a non-transferrable Filipino ID which number shall be
17 valid for life, from cradle to grave, subject to replacement under the following circumstances:

18 A. When a child reaches the legal age of eighteen (18) years old;

1 B. When there is change in name, family name by virtue of court order or by
2 application of law, such as married woman who adopts the surname of the
3 husband;

4 C. For lost or destroyed ID's; and

5 D. Such other revisions that may be deemed necessary by the card holder such
6 as changes in the facial features due to age or medical intervention.

7 Filipino cardholders upon reaching the senior age of sixty (60) are required to renew their
8 Filipino ID card, free of charge.

9 The Filipino ID shall be made of tamper-proof security material. It shall have on its face the
10 imprinted photograph, name, birth date, gender, date of issue, signature of owner, the corresponding
11 individual serial number issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and such other data as
12 may be deemed necessary. The Filipino ID shall also have the capability to store at least the
13 biometric data of the individual cardholder.

14 The initial application for and issuance of the Filipino ID shall be free of charge as part of
15 the government social service responsibility. A replacement fee shall be paid by the cardholder.

16 The pertinent details for applicants with pre-existing government issued identification card
17 shall be utilized and honored as reference in the issuance of the Filipino ID.

18 **SEC. 5. Roles and Functions of the Philippine Statistics Authority and the Department of**
19 **Foreign Affairs through the Philippine Embassies and Consular Offices.** – The Philippine
20 Statistics Authority (PSA), as the implementing agency, shall determine, validate and administer
21 the data and materials required to avail the benefits of the identification system. The Department of
22 Foreign Affairs (DFA), in coordination with the PSA, shall handle the registration of Filipinos
23 residing abroad. The above-mentioned government offices shall create a special unit, which shall be
24 responsible for:

- 25 a) accepting all the application for Filipino ID;
- 26 b) processing of such applications; and
- 27 c) releasing the Filipino ID to the applicants.

1 **SEC. 6. *Registration.*** - Every Filipino residing in the Philippines, after approval of this Act
2 and when the system is fully operational, shall apply for the registration and issuance of the Filipino
3 ID at the office of the Local Civil Registrar of the city or municipality where they are residing.
4 Likewise, every Filipino residing abroad shall apply for the registration and issuance of the Filipino
5 ID at the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consular Office of the country where they are residing.
6 Thereafter, upon birth of a child, the PSA, through the Local Civil Registrar (LCR) or the
7 Philippine Embassy or Consular Offices abroad, is mandated to issue a Filipino ID within ninety
8 (90) days from registration of birth.

9 The parents or the legal guardian of the minor, incompetent or disabled person shall be
10 responsible for the application and safekeeping of the issued Filipino ID.

11 The PSA is directed to conduct mobile registration to ensure registration of all Filipinos
12 including the indigenous people and those in the remote communities.

13 **SEC. 7. *Features involving the Private Sector and the Local Government Units.*** - The
14 implementing agency, PSA, shall encourage the cooperation of the private sector and the local
15 government units in granting additional benefits and privileges to the Filipino ID cardholders.

16 **SEC. 8. *Functional Uses of the Filipino ID.*** - The Filipino ID shall be presented and
17 honored in transactions requiring the identity, status, birth, and all other personal circumstances
18 such as but not limited to the following:

- 19 1. All transactions with the government;
- 20 2. Application for passport and driver's license;
- 21 3. Filing applications for any services and benefits offered by the Government
22 Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Philippine
23 Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) and Home Development Mutual
24 Fund (HDMF);
- 25 4. Proof of identity, status, age, address, for admission in all learning
26 institutions as well as for employment purposes;
- 27 5. Proof of identity, status, age and address for transactions in banking and
28 financial institutions;
- 29 6. Availment of benefits or privileges afforded by law to senior citizens;

- 1 7. Availment of benefits or privileges from government services such as but not
- 2 limited to Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries;
- 3 8. Application for clearances from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI),
- 4 courts, prosecutor and the police;
- 5 9. Voting identification purposes; and
- 6 10. Such other purposes and uses which the PSA may prescribe.

7 When the Filipino ID is presented to any government agency or for identification purposes,

8 no other additional identification card shall be required.

9 Except in instances allowed under the provisions of Republic Act No. 9225 or “The

10 Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003”, the Filipino ID shall *motu proprio* be

11 rendered invalid and ineffective upon the loss of Filipino citizenship.

12 **SEC. 9. *Change of Personal Status and Residence.*** – Any person who intends to effect

13 change in his Filipino ID including but not limited to change of personal status, residence, or any

14 material data shall have the duty to inform the Local Civil Registrar, Embassy, or Consular Office

15 where the person is residing within a certain period as shall be prescribed by the implementing

16 agency.

17 **SEC. 10. *Protection Against Unlawful Disclosure of Information/Records.*** – No person

18 may publish, disseminate or give to third parties or entities including government enforcement

19 agencies any information obtained in connection with the application for the Filipino ID, including

20 the use thereof except in the following cases:

- 21 a) When the holder of the Filipino ID card expressly authorizes the disclosure of
- 22 such information to a third person, entity or agency;
- 23 b) In the event of accident, disaster or fortuitous events, when information on
- 24 medical history of the holder such as the blood type or special medical needs
- 25 or other relevant information are needed by medical and/ health workers;
- 26 c) In the interest of public health or safety; and
- 27 d) Upon order of any competent Court.

1 Any information obtained as a result of unlawful disclosure under this act shall be
2 inadmissible as evidence in any criminal proceedings against the holder of the Filipino ID.

3 **SEC. 11. *Safeguards on the Filipino ID.*** – The Philippine Statistics Authority as repository
4 of all data shall create and maintain a Filipino Citizen Registry that will contain the registered
5 records and information of persons issued with Filipino ID. The PSA as the main issuing authority
6 of the official Filipino ID shall institute the necessary measures to safeguard the information
7 provided in the Filipino ID. No such information shall be released to any agency, office or
8 instrumentality, government or otherwise, nor shall be used against any person, except in cases
9 stipulated in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Section 10 of this Act.

10 The PSA, in pursuance of its mandated statistical function, may generate and release
11 aggregated information from the Filipino Citizen Registry in the form of summaries and statistical
12 tables in which no reference to an individual shall appear and that no person can be readily
13 identified in the released information.

14 The information in the Filipino Citizen Registry shall be categorized in a manner that
15 allows proper safeguard, data access, security and change management.

16 **SEC. 12. *Penal Provisions.*** – Any person who knowingly uses false information in
17 applying for the issuance of a Filipino ID or procures a card through fraud and who utilizes the card
18 in an unlawful manner, shall be punished with a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos
19 (P50,000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) or an imprisonment
20 of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (6) years, or both at the discretion of court.
21 Same penalties or imprisonment shall also apply to any unauthorized person who shall create, issue
22 or sell fraudulent Filipino ID card/s.

23 Any person who shall wilfully and unjustifiably refuse to accept, acknowledge or recognize
24 the Filipino ID as the only official identification of the owner thereof shall also be punished with
25 the same penalties or imprisonment stated in the preceding paragraph.

26 Any public official or employee who connives with the offender in committing the acts
27 mentioned in the last two (2) preceding paragraphs or, on his own, causes the issuance of an
28 authorized Filipino ID or approves the application for the same, despite the knowledge of the
29 existence of fraud or false information, shall suffer the corresponding penalties imposed in the last
30 two (2) preceding paragraphs and shall suffer the penalty of perpetual disqualification from
31 government service.

1 The penalties imposed in this Section shall be in addition to those imposed on acts
2 punishable by existing penal and other laws including those acts of omission.

3 **SEC. 13. *Failure to Present Filipino ID.*** – Failure of any person to present Filipino ID
4 when transacting business with the government or with private entities requiring the use and
5 presentation of the Filipino ID shall not be ground to deny or limit the basic government and private
6 services as long as such transaction is qualified under existing laws.

7 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days upon approval
8 of this Act, the PSA in coordination with relevant agencies, such as the DFA, NEDA, DILG,
9 DSWD, DOST, COMELEC, GSIS, SSS, PHILHEALTH and the Bureau of Immigration shall
10 promulgate rules and regulations and exchange existing technologies and best practices on the
11 issuance of identification cards to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

12 **SEC. 15. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included
13 in the budget of the Philippine Statistics Authority and Department of Foreign Affairs.

14 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section or part of this act shall be declared
15 unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other
16 provisions, sections or parts hereof.

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

19 **SEC. 18. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,