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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

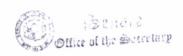
Technology nowadays is quickly progressing and has made various aides to cater to the needs of persons with disabilities. Services like the automated teller machines (ATMs) have Braille patterns installed on the buttons of the machine in order to make the service available for the use of hearing-impaired individuals. The technology for the hearing-impaired is currently available. However, ATMs are still unfit to service the visually-impaired individuals.

This measure seeks to extend the services of ATMs to visually-impaired individuals by installing an audio transmission system in all ATMs which aims to promote the self-sufficiency of visually-impaired individuals while ensuring the security and confidentiality of electronic banking transactions done through ATMs.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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## AN ACT EXTENDING THE SERVICES OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES TO VISUALLY-IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

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

1 Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Visually-Impaired" 2 Friendly ATM Act." 3 4 Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The following terms, as used in this Act, 5 shall mean: 6 (A) "Banking Institution" – a network of commercial, savings, and 7 specialized banks that provide financial services, including accepting deposits and providing loans and credit, money 8 9 transmission and investment facilities; (B) "Visual Transmission System" - the graphic display of 10 11 information by an automated teller machine; (C) "Audio Transmission System" - a system that recites with 12 13 sonic clarity through a personal listening device substantially 14 the same information that is conveyed by a visual transmission system; 15 (D) "Personal Listening Device" - earphones or other similar 16 17 receiver designed to transmit audio information to an 18 individual, which receiver is placed in the individual's ear or

1	held up to the ear such that only that individual can hear such
2	audio information.
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4	Sec. 3. Automated Teller Machine Requirements Every banking
5	institution shall maintain the following requirements with respect to each of the
6	automated teller machines with its dominion and control to provide equal access
7	for all individuals:
8	(A) Any automated teller machine installed on or after the
9	effectivity date of this Act shall transmit any message through
10	both (i) a visual transmission system, and (ii) an audio
11	transmission system;
12	(B) Any automated teller machine installed prior to the effective
13	date of this Act shall, whenever an upgrade or replacement of
14	such automated teller machine becomes necessary, be
15	upgraded or replaced in such a manner so that such
16	automated teller machine shall transmit any message through
17	both (i) a visual transmission system, and (ii) an audio
18	transmission system.
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20	Sec. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act shall at any time
21	be found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by
22	such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.
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24	Sec. 5. Repealing Clause All laws, decrees, rules or regulations
25	inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
26	accordingly.
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28	Sec. 6. Effectivity Clause This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)
29	days following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general
30	circulation.