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**SENATE**  
**P.S. Res. No. 745**

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Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUED PROLIFERATION OF TEXT SCAMS AND THE REPORTED USE OF SIMS IN ILLEGAL POGO OPERATIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE OBJECTIVES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11934 ARE ACHIEVED**

1           WHEREAS, on 10 October 2022, President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. signed into  
2 law Republic Act No. 11934 or the SIM Registration Act to provide accountability in  
3 the use of SIM and aid law enforcers to track perpetrators of crimes committed  
4 through phones;<sup>1</sup>

5           WHEREAS, on 27 December 2022, the implementing rules and regulations  
6 (IRR) of said law was released;<sup>2</sup>

7           WHEREAS, Section 5 of the IRR mandates all mobile subscribers to enroll  
8 their SIMs within 180 days from the effectivity date<sup>3</sup>. The registration may be  
9 extended for a period not exceeding 120 days. Failure to register the existing SIMs  
10 within the prescribed period results in the automatic deactivation of the SIM;<sup>4</sup>

11           WHEREAS, following the prescriptive period, the original deadline for SIM  
12 registration was set on 26 April 2023 and was extended until 25 July 2023;<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1677723/fwd-marcos-jr-signs-into-law-sim-card-registration-act>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/12/13/sim-registration-act-effective-dec-27>

<sup>3</sup> <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/12/13/sim-registration-act-effective-dec-27>

<sup>4</sup> [https://lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2022/pdf/irr\\_11934\\_2022.pdf](https://lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2022/pdf/irr_11934_2022.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1807144/july-25-deadline-for-sim-registration-will-no-longer-be-extended-ntc>

1           WHEREAS, as of 30 July 2023, the National Telecommunications Commission  
2 (NTC) recorded that there are 113,969,014 registered SIMs in the country or  
3 67.83% of the total 168,016,400 telco subscribers;<sup>6</sup>

4           WHEREAS, almost a year since the law has passed and despite the  
5 termination of existing SIM registration, text scams, and other mobile-related frauds  
6 continue to proliferate;

7           WHEREAS, recent raids on POGO establishments revealed that thousands of  
8 SIMs were used for illegal operations;

9           WHEREAS, on 27 June 2023, authorities seized more than 80,000 SIMs  
10 following a raid of Xinchuang Network Technology, Inc., a registered Philippine  
11 Offshore Gaming Operator (POGO) hub in Las Piñas City;<sup>7</sup>

12           WHEREAS, on 02 August 2023, the Department of Justice also reported that  
13 some 28,000 registered SIMs were recovered from SA Rivendell Global Support,  
14 Inc., a POGO facility in Pasay City;<sup>8</sup>

15           WHEREAS, the SIM Registration Act mandates that all SIM owners have  
16 verified identity and that the SIM should not be used for unlawful purposes.  
17 However, these reports that thousands of registered SIMs seized are being used as a  
18 tool for scamming and other cyber frauds raises questions about the effective  
19 implementation of the law;

20           WHEREAS, the implementing agencies, telecommunication companies and  
21 law enforcement agencies should explain how thousands of SIMs used in fraudulent  
22 operations were able to register and if they are registered using fictitious individuals  
23 or by willing victims who sell their identity;

24           WHEREAS, the NTC, Department of Information and Communication  
25 Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, and other relevant government  
26 agencies tasked to implement the SIM Registration Act should submit to Congress a  
27 report and updates on the law's implementation;

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<sup>6</sup> <https://ntc.gov.ph/sim-registration-act/>

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/08/08/23/doj-28000-sim-cards-from-pogo-hub-raid-possibly-used-in-scams>

1           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of  
2 the Philippines, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the continued  
3 proliferation of text scams and the reported use of SIMs in illegal POGO operations,  
4 with the end in view of ensuring that the objectives in the implementation of  
5 Republic Act No. 11934 are achieved

*Adopted,*

  
GRACE POE  
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