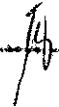


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a Local Government Information Management Program to provide management information system in all local government units (LGUs) in order to strengthen further local government administration for national development.

Our experience in the devolution of powers and authority to local governments by virtue of the Local Government Code has confirmed the need for sustained support to the enhancement of local government capability for responsive and accountable governance. This need has become more urgent because the national government has increasingly tapped local governments for economic pump-priming. Needless to say, the LGUs are faced with tremendous demands for effective performance of both their local government administration and development functions.

In this context, the establishment of a Local Government Information Management Program to guide information systems development among local governments has become imperative to ensure the systematic and efficient gathering, processing and utilization of information for local development planning, management and administration. Such move is envisioned to rationalize and optimize existing information systems among devolved offices toward supporting local development initiatives for a more responsive government structure.

Moreover, a network of local management information systems will facilitate the collection of information and statistics for national development planning, policy-making, enhance the dissemination of trade, tourism, and investment information in support of the national government's thrust toward countryside development.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Local Management Information*  
2 *System Act of 2008.*"

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4           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
5 establish efficient and responsive information management system in all local government units  
6 (LGUs) to further strengthen local government capability for development administration.

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8           **SEC. 3. Local Government Information Management (LOGIM).** -For purposes of this  
9 Act, local government information management shall refer to the totality of means employed to  
10 systematically collect, process, store, present, and share information in support of local  
11 government activities. It encompasses the integrated use of information systems, computer  
12 technology and telecommunications in enhancing local government administration to achieve  
13 development objectives.

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15           **SEC. 4. Establishment of the Local Management Information Technology Office**  
16 **(LMITO).** - The provincial and city governments shall create their respective local information

1 management offices which shall be headed by the Local Management Information Technology  
2 Officer.

3 The establishment of the LMITO is optional for the municipal governments; *Provided*,  
4 That the organizational structure and functions of the LMITO shall be provided in the  
5 implementing rules and regulations as provided in Section 10 of this Act.

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7 **SEC. 5. *Creation of and qualifications for the Position of Local Management***  
8 ***Information Technology Officer (LMITO).*** - The Local Management Information technology  
9 Officer shall be appointed subject to existing civil service rules and regulations.

10 *Provided*, That no person shall be appointed Local Management Information Technology  
11 Officer unless he is a Filipino citizen, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good  
12 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in information technology, statistics,  
13 public administration, economics, development studies or any related course from a recognized  
14 school or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have actual  
15 experience in information management or related work experience for at least two (2) years in  
16 the case of provinces or cities, and one (1) year in the case of technical qualifications set by the  
17 National Computer Center in coordination with the Civil Service Commission.

18 The appointment of the Local Management Information Technology Officer is optional  
19 for the municipal governments.

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21 **SEC. 6. *Functions and Responsibilities of the Local Management Information***  
22 ***Technology Officer.*** - The Local Management Information Technology Officer shall have the  
23 following functions and responsibilities:

24 a) Develop and implement, in coordination with the Planning and Development  
25 Coordinator and the Information Officer, information system plans and application systems that  
26 would provide the information requirements of local government executives in the formulation,

1 implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of national and local development plans, programs,  
2 and projects;

3 b) Provide technical assistance for the computerization of local government  
4 administration system for legislation, budget, property and supply, accounting, treasury, payroll  
5 and civil registration, among others, as well as for the efficient delivery of basic services;

6 c) Maintain database on investment, trade, tourism, and other priority development  
7 concerns, and establish linkages with national government agencies;

8 d) Assist local government units within his jurisdiction in setting up their  
9 information systems; and

10 e) Develop and establish barangay data banks.

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12 **SEC. 7 *Barangay Databanks.*** - The LGU concerned shall establish barangay  
13 databanks to facilitate the collection of data and promote community participation in local  
14 government administration and community development. The LGU shall promote a community -  
15 based approach in the development of the barangay databanks. It shall, for this purpose, actively  
16 involve non-government and people's organizations in the design and establishment of the  
17 databanks.

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19 **SEC. 8. *Establishment of Regional and Provincial Statistical Coordination***  
20 ***Officers.*** - To ensure the accuracy and comparability of the data of the various local government  
21 information management systems, a Regional Statistical Coordination Staff (RSCS) in the  
22 National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) central office, and Statistical Coordination  
23 Units in the regions and provinces shall be created under the supervision and control of the  
24 NSCB. The RSCS shall supervise and coordinate the activities of the different Statistical  
25 Coordination Units which shall provide the necessary technical assistance to local governments,

1 set standards on statistical matters, and coordinate the statistical activities of local government  
2 units.

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4 **SEC. 9. Assistance to Local Government Units.** - To effectively implement this  
5 Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the National Computer  
6 Center (NCC), in coordination with other government agencies, shall provide assistance to local  
7 government units in establishing and maintaining their information management systems. The  
8 assistance shall include initial acquisition of computer equipment and necessary software,  
9 funding support, training, management consultancy, design of the computerization programs, and  
10 other services as may be necessary to effectively attain the objectives of this Act. *Provided,*  
11 *however,* That such assistance shall prioritize second and lower class provinces, cities, and  
12 municipalities. *Provided, further,* That the Department may request assistance from other  
13 government agencies and instrumentalities, including academic institutions, to enable it to  
14 effectively discharge its responsibilities under this Act. *Provided, finally,* That concerned local  
15 government units may also enter into financing schemes such as consortia, build-operate-  
16 transfer, and other similar arrangements.

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18 **SEC. 10. Oversight Committee.** - Within one (1) month from the approval of this  
19 Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall convene an  
20 inter-agency oversight committee which shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation  
21 of this Act. The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 22 a) Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government as Chairman;  
23 b) The Managing Director of the National Computer Center as Vice-Chairman;  
24 c) The respective Chairmen of the Senate and the House Committees on Local  
25 Government;  
26 d) The Secretaries and head of the following;

- 1) National Economic and Development Authority;
  - 2) Department of Budget and Management;
  - 3) National Statistical Coordination Board; and
  - 4) Department of Science and Technology.
- e) Heads or duly-designated representatives of the following:
- 1) The League of Provinces;
  - 2) The League of Cities;
  - 3) The League of Municipalities; and
  - 4) The Liga ng mga Barangay.

10 The Oversight Committee shall issue, within ninety (90) days upon its convening, the  
11 necessary implementing rules and regulations, consistent with national information technology  
12 plans and policies, to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

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14 **SEC. 11. *Technical Working Group.*** - A Technical Working Group shall be  
15 constituted to render technical assistance to the Oversight Committee. The Group shall be  
16 composed of duly designated representatives of the following:

- 17 a) Electronic Data Processing Service of the Department of the Interior and Local  
18 Government who shall act as coordinator;
- 19 b) Department of Finance;
- 20 c) Department of Budget and Management;
- 21 d) Department of Science and Technology;
- 22 e) Department of Transportation and Communications;
- 23 f) Commission on Audit;
- 24 g) National Computer Center;
- 25 h) National Statistical Coordination Board;
- 26 i) National Statistics Office;

- 1 j) National Mapping Resources Center;
- 2 k) Technology and Livelihood Resource Center;
- 3 l) Development Academy of the Philippines;
- 4 m) University of the Philippines System;
- 5 n) Local Government Academy, Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- 6 o) A Non-government or people's organization actively involved in community-
- 7 based information systems; and
- 8 p) A professional organization of information technology practitioners.

9 Personnel of other government agencies may be requested to provide assistance to the  
10 Technical Working Group.

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12 **SEC. 12. *Funding.*** - The amount of Twenty Seven Million Pesos (PhP  
13 27,000,000,00) is hereby appropriated for initial implementation of this Act in three (3) pilot  
14 provinces which shall be determined by the Oversight Committee based on a set of criteria which  
15 shall be formulated for the purpose: *Provided*, That the three (3)pilot provinces shall each come  
16 from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao: *Provided, further*, That the amount necessary to implement  
17 this Act in other local government units shall be funded by their respective appropriations with  
18 the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the National Computer Center, the  
19 National Statistical Coordination Board, and other implementing agencies providing for the  
20 training and other technical needs: *Provided, finally*, That the DILG and/or provincial as well as  
21 city governments may generate other sources of funding such as loans, grants and donations,  
22 subject to pertinent laws and regulations.

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24 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,  
25 ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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1           **SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part or provision of this Act shall be held  
2 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which shall continue to be in full  
3 force and effect.

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5           **SEC. 15. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,