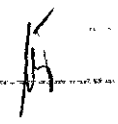


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As technology increases, more and more people rely on Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) as a method for doing daily banking tasks. While many ATM's currently have braille labels indicating the functions of some buttons, most machines do not have any non-visual method for reading or relaying the sequence of messages that appear on the screen.

A law addressing this concern is not only prudent, but necessary, to ensure that all individuals have an equal opportunity to access these machines.

This bill provides the standards for our ATMs to make them more accessible to our visually impaired citizens.

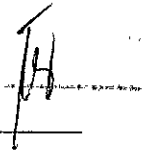
  
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1 AN ACT  
2 MAKING AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES ACCESSIBLE TO THE VISUALLY  
3 IMPAIRED.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
6 *Congress assembled:*  
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8 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act may be known as the “*ATM Visually Impaired*  
9 *Friendly Act*”.

10 SECTION. 2. *Definitions.*

11 a) BANKING INSTITUTION. - A network of commercial, savings, and  
12 specialized banks that provide financial services, including accepting deposits and  
13 providing loans and credit, money transmission and investment facilities.

14 b) VISUAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. - Shall mean the graphic  
15 display of information by an automated teller machine.

16 c) AUDIO TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. - Shall mean a system that recites  
17 with sonic clarity through a personal listening device substantially the same  
18 information that is conveyed by a visual transmission system.

19 d) PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICE. - Shall mean earphones or other  
20 similar receiver designed to transmit audio information to an individual, which  
21 receiver is placed in the individual’s ear or held up to the ear such that only that  
22 individual can hear such audio information.

23 SECTION 3. *Automated Teller Machine Requirements.* - Every banking  
24 institution shall maintain the following requirements with respect to each of the

1 automated teller machines within its dominion and control to provide equal access for all  
2 individuals:

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4 a) Any automated teller machine installed on or after the effectivity date  
5 of this Act shall transmit any message through both (i) a visual transmission  
6 system, and (ii) an audio transmission system.

7 b) Any automated teller machine installed prior to the effective date of  
8 this Act shall, whenever an upgrade or replacement of such automated teller  
9 machine becomes necessary, be upgraded or replaced in such a manner so that  
10 such automated teller machine shall transmit any message through both (i) a  
11 visual transmission system, and (ii) an audio transmission system.

12 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held  
13 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise  
14 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

15 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
16 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,  
17 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
18 accordingly.

19 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
20 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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22 Approved.