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Explanatory Note

The establishment of a National ID system has been initiated by previous administration. In 1996, Pres. Fidel Ramos issued an Administrative Order to adopt a National Computerized Identification System, however, it was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court indicating that legislative proposal is required.

The Arroyo administration tried to revive the proposed National ID System and issued Executive Order No. 420 which required government agencies and GOCCs to harmonize their ID systems. The EO gave rise to the Unified Multi-Purpose ID Card (UMID) that is issued to the members of SSS, GSIS, Philhealth, and Pag-ibig.

Other countries such as Germany, Japan, Indonesia, and Malaysia have adopted a national identification system for ease in government transactions. By adopting a National ID system, delivery of basic services were made efficient, and simplified the process to public and private transactions of its citizens.

This proposed measure establishes a National ID system in the country which aims to improve the delivery of basic services to every Filipino. Under this bill, all Filipinos, even those overseas, are required to register to the national ID system under the Philippine Statistics Authority. The ID proposed herein may be used and shall be accepted in all government and private transactions.

As a safeguard against abuses, information given in the ID will remain private to the ID holder and the PSA and will not be given to any third party unless the card bearer allows it.

It is hoped that the adoption of a National ID System will serve as an important tool in upgrading the speed and quality of public service in the country without compromising the protection and privacy of personal information.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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 “Filipino
2 Identification System Act”.

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4 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to promote a just
5 and dynamic social order that shall ensure the prosperity and independence of the
6 nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social
7 services and improved quality of life for all.

8 Towards this end, an effective identification system is hereby established to
9 facilitate transactions with the government and to simplify the processes relative to
10 public and private services.

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12 **SEC. 3. The Filipino Identification System.** - The Filipino
13 Identification System herein referred to as the “ID system” is hereby established
14 and instituted as an economic and social tool towards the attainment of a
15 progressive society through the provision of efficient services to all Filipinos. The
16 identification system shall provide official identification of all citizens of the
17 Republic of the Philippines through the issuance of the Filipino Identification Card
18 (Filipino ID card). It shall gradually concert and consolidate all existing
19 Government-initiated identification systems into one integrated and efficient
20 identification system.

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22 **SEC. 4. The Filipino Identification (ID) Card.** - Every Filipino, whether
23 residing in the Philippines or abroad, is mandated to register personal information
24 required by the ID system, and upon application shall be issued a non-transferrable

1 Filipino ID card with an ID number that shall be valid for life, subject to replacement
2 only under the following circumstances:

- 3 (a) When a child reaches the legal age of eighteen (18) years old;
- 4 (b) When there is change in name and family name by virtue of court order or
5 by application of law, such as a married woman adopting the surname of the husband;
- 6 (c) For lost or destroyed ID card;
- 7 (d) For other revisions that may be deemed necessary by the cardholder such
8 as changes in the facial features due to age or medical intervention.

9 Filipino cardholders upon reaching the age of sixty (60) years old are required
10 to renew their Filipino ID card, free of charge.

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

17 The initial application and issuance of the Filipino ID card shall be free of
18 charge as part of the government's social service responsibility. A replacement fee
19 shall be paid by the cardholder.

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

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24 ***SEC. 5. Roles and Functions of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)***
25 ***and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) through the Philippine Embassies***
26 ***and Consular Offices.*** - The PSA, as the implementing agency, shall determine,
27 validate and administer the data and materials required to avail of the benefits of the
28 identification system.

29 The DFA, in coordination with the PSA, shall handle the registration of
30 Filipinos residing abroad. The abovementioned government offices shall create a
31 special unit which shall be responsible for:

- 32 (a) Accepting applications for a Filipino ID card;
- 33 (b) Processing of such applications; and
- 34 (c) Releasing the Filipino ID card to the applicants.

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36 ***SEC. 6. Registration.*** - Upon the effectivity of this Act and when the ID
37 system has become operational, every Filipino residing in the Philippines shall apply
38 for the registration and issuance of the Filipino ID card at the Local Civil Registry

1 Office (LCRO) of the city or municipality where one is a resident. Likewise, every
2 Filipino residing abroad shall apply for the registration and issuance of the Filipino
3 ID card at the nearest Philippine Embassy or consular office of the country where
4 they are residing. The PSA, through the LCRO or the Philippine Embassy or
5 consular offices abroad, is mandated to issue a Filipino ID card within ninety (90)
6 days from the registration of live birth.

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

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

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14 ***SEC. 7. Features Involving the Private Sector and the Local***
15 ***Government Units.*** - The PSA shall encourage the cooperation of the private sector
16 and the local government units (LGUs) in granting additional benefits and privileges
17 to Filipino ID cardholders.

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19 ***SEC. 8. Functional Uses of the Filipino ID Card.*** - The Filipino ID card
20 shall be presented and honored in transactions requiring the identity, status, birth and
21 all other personal circumstances such as the following:

22 (a) All transactions with the government, including:

23 (1) Application for passport and driver's license;

24 (2) Filing of applications for any services and benefits offered by the
25 Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System
26 (SSS), the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the
27 Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); and

28 (3) Application for clearances from the National Bureau of
29 Investigation (NBI), courts, prosecutor and the police;

30 (b) Proof of identity, status, age and address for admission in all learning
31 institutions as well as for employment purposes;

32 (c) Availment of benefits or privileges afforded by law to senior citizens;

33 (d) Proof of identity, status, age and address for transactions in banking and
34 financial institutions;

35 (e) Voting identification purposes; and

36 (f) Such other purposes and uses which the PSA may prescribe.

37 When the Filipino ID card is presented to any government agency or for
38 identification purposes, no other additional identification card shall be required.

