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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having a cellular phone has become a necessity. Being the most convenient means of communication, even parents provide cellphone to their children in the elementary school. Specially with the internet features of our cellphones, almost every one holds on to their cellphone. In our country where having a SIM card is very easy and affordable, anybody can have one or sometimes two or more. Our SIM cards are disposable, one user can change it anytime when lost or whenever he wants to change his number.

With this, cellphones has been an accessory for theft and acts of terrorism. Text scams until now are unstoppable and our law enforcers are helpless since SIM cards are unregistered. Reports of such crimes are archived since law enforces cannot find leads to the SIM card owner.

This measure proposes to register existing and new cellphone user's. The mandatory SIM card registration will actually protect every subscriber. One for example, being scammed, or your cellphone number being used in a scam. It is also a hope that this will end text scams and cellphones being used as bomb detonators.

Therefore, we seek for the passage of this measure.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL USERS OF PRE-PAID
SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Card Registration Act”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation building.

The introduction of modern telecommunications technology with the view of providing the widest information dissemination is greatly encouraged. The possession of the most modern technology carries with it tremendous responsibility. Thus, mechanism for its effective use for the good of all and not for an illegal or malicious purpose to benefit a few must be installed.

Towards this end, the State shall require the registration of all users of prepaid subscriber identity module (SIM) cards.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – Whenever used in this Act:

- 3.1 **Direct seller** refers to a person or entity, whether natural or juridical, which directly dispenses or sells a SIM card to an end user;
- 3.2 **End user** refers to any individual/subscriber who directly purchases a SIM card from a direct seller for personal use;

