

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**18<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3254



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Introduced by: **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

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**AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM  
REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY  
CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill also known as the "Birth Certificate Lifetime Validity Act" seeks to end the practice of government and private offices requiring applicants for documents, permits, services, or jobs to provide recently issued birth certificates.

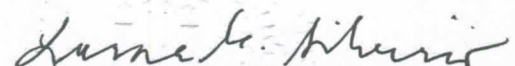
Under the proposed bill, a birth certificate certified and issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall not expire and shall be considered valid at any time. Exceptions to the bill include birth records that provide administrative corrections, as provided by Republic Act No. 9048 and Republic Act No. 10172.

The PSA had previously clarified that the birth certificates they issue do not have expiration dates. To the credit of the PSA, it has never been remiss in explaining that birth certificates it has issued have no expiry dates, but this assurance remains unheeded in many offices which continue to require that the submitted birth certificate was issued within the past six (6) months.

Filipinos should not incur unnecessary expenses and go through the trouble of applying for a new birth certificate. It is sad that so many offices require newly acquired birth certificate which is another burden on applicants.

The proposed bill would stop an unnecessary, expensive, and oppressive requirement.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly recommended.

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

**SEC 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Birth Certificate Lifetime Validity Act".

**SEC 2. Declaration of State Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish an effective system that will improve the efficiency of delivery of government frontline services, particularly civil registry documents. As such, the State shall enforce a lifetime validity on birth records duly certified by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

**SEC 3. Coverage.** This Act shall apply to all National Government agencies that would require the submission of a birth record duly certified by the Philippine Statistics Authority for the delivery of government services and issuance of documents.

**SEC 4. Prohibition on the Requirement of Submitting a Birth Certificate certified by the PSA within the past 6 months.** Government agencies are prohibited from requiring applicants to government services to submit birth records printed on the most recent version of the security paper used by the PSA, or certified within the past six months. The birth certificate certified and issued by the PSA shall not expire and shall be considered valid: Provided, that the birth records do not require administrative corrections as provided under Republic Act Nos. 9048 and 10172.

**SEC 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PSA shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

**SEC 7. Effectivity.** This Act shall take after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*

*Lorna L. Mucio*