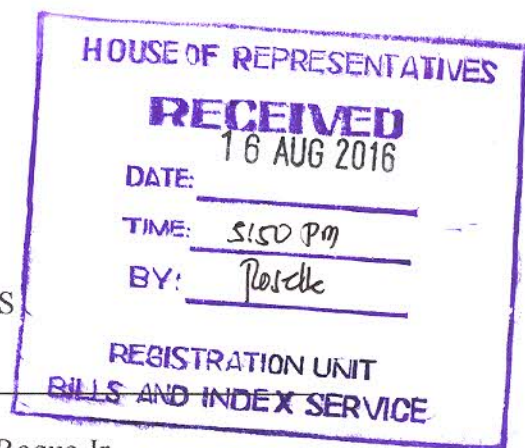


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 3, Section 7 states that:

The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

The government should be accessible to the public. To ensure that the public gets the right information in getting in touch with any government agency, disclosure of their contact details should be included first and foremost in their official stationeries.¹

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

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Government Contact Act.”

7 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to be
8 accessible to the public in order to better administer its duties and responsibilities.

9 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – The term “government offices, bureaus, agencies,
10 instrumentalities, affiliates, including government-owned and controlled corporations” refer to
11 an administrative unit of the government, including all the agencies of the government.

12 SECTION 4. *Government Offices, Bureaus, Agencies, Instrumentalities, Affiliates,*
13 *Including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations to Include Addresses, Email*
14 *Addresses, Website Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Mobile Phone Numbers on Their*
15 *Stationeries.* – All government offices, bureaus, agencies, instrumentalities, affiliates, including
16 government-owned and controlled corporations shall include its addresses, email addresses,

1 website addresses, phone numbers and mobile phone numbers, on their official stationeries. In
2 the case of correspondence originating from a regional or local office of a government agency,
3 the agency shall include the address and phone number of the regional or local office on the
4 stationery.

5 SECTION 5. *Exception.* – This shall not apply in any case in which compliance with
6 Section 4 would not be in the national security interests of the Republic of the Philippines, as
7 determined by the head of the agency.

8 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions
10 hereof.

11 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions
12 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or
13 modified accordingly.

14 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,