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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Closed circuit television cameras or CCTV cameras are gadgets or devices installed and used for security and monitoring purposes. The advances in technology nowadays and the proliferation of cheap devices in the market have facilitated the installation and use of CCTV cameras and are now more common than they were in the past.

With the help of CCTV cameras installed in strategic areas, many criminals and law breakers have been caught and brought to justice. Disputes and altercations have been resolved and settled with the help of CCTV footages. Indeed, CCTV cameras are like guardians that watch silently and quietly observing the goings-on in its surroundings. It is for these reasons that this proposed measure was conceptualized. Because of the inadequacy of CCTV cameras installed by barangay units and the local government, some streets or alleyways are left unmonitored. These areas are more prone to crime than anywhere else.

Private owners of CCTV cameras can contribute to crime-fighting by allowing law enforcement authorities to view footages taken or recorded by their CCTV cameras. These may provide leads in helping solve a particular case. For expediency and practicality, authorities should have a verified list of all CCTV camera owners in their respective jurisdiction. Thus, the registration of CCTV cameras becomes a necessity. To allay the fears of the citizenry with regard to abuse and misapplication, certain safeguards have been put in place in the bill to ensure the protection of one's rights.

With these premises being considered, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE REGISTRATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION
CAMERAS (CCTV) INSTALLED ON HOUSE OR BUILDING EXTERIORS AND
COVERING PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND ALLEYS

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*CCTV Registration Act*”.

Sec. 2. *Registration of Closed Circuit Television Cameras.* – All owners of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras that are mounted or installed on the exterior of a house or building, and covering public roads, streets and alleys shall register ownership of the same at the nearest Philippine National Police (PNP) station having jurisdiction over their respective areas. A certificate of registration shall be issued to the owner after compliance. *Provided, That* such registration shall entail no cost to the owner of the CCTV camera being registered.

Sec. 3. *Information Required.* – The information required for the registration of CCTV cameras shall be limited to the owner’s name, address, contact number and location of the CCTV camera being registered.

Sec. 4. *Use of the registry by law enforcement agents.* – The PNP station wherein CCTV cameras are registered shall keep a registry that shall be confidential in nature. If a particular case warrants it, authorized law enforcement agents may refer to such registry and may call on a registered owner of a CCTV camera to request for viewing of particular footage or footages, without prejudice to any of the CCTV camera owner’s rights.

Sec. 5. *Compliance with the Data Privacy Act.* – The use of any information from the CCTVs and the personal circumstances of CCTV owners shall be subject to the provisions set forth under Republic Act No. 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Sec. 6. *Penalties.* – Failure of an owner to register a CCTV camera as described in Section 2 hereof shall be meted with a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or forfeiture of the equipment involved.

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Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the Philippine National Police shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the proper enactment of this Act, within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.

Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,