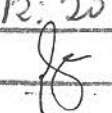


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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The effort towards inclusive growth and good governance demands the removal of bureaucratic red tape. Such policy was enshrined in Republic Act 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, which called for a program for the adoption of simplified procedures that will reduce red tape and expedite transactions in government.

After almost a decade of implementation of the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, however, the problem of burdensome government procedures still persists.

The 2015-2016 World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Competitiveness Index revealed that the Philippines ranked 101<sup>st</sup> in terms of government administrative compliance. Such perception is unconscionable given the level of technology available in the country and the increased benefits afforded to civil servants.

It is high time to return the favor to the taxpayers and citizenry through an efficient and speedy government service delivery.

As such, this bill seeks to further accelerate the turnaround time of government transactions, reduce the cost of doing business and improve the productivity of both the citizenry and the business establishments.

Moreover, this bill seeks to bolster the fight against graft and corruption by reducing the propensity to offer bribes or to employ 'fixers'.

Ultimately, it is hoped that through the aforementioned interventions, this bill may significantly contribute to the improvement of access to quality social services, the enhancement of the competitiveness of local industries and the development of the Philippine economy.

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



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AN ACT

TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007”

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

SECTION 1. Section 8, paragraph (b), sub-paragraph 1 of Republic Act Number 9485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. *Accessing Frontline Services.* - The following shall be adopted by all government offices and agencies:

“x xx

“(b) Action of Offices - (1) All applications and/or requests submitted shall be acted upon by the assigned officer or employee during the period stated in the Citizen’s Charter which shall not be longer than [five] **THREE (3)** working days in the case of simple transactions and [ten (10)] **SEVEN (7)** working days in the case of complex transactions from the date the request or application was received. Depending on the nature of the frontline services requested or the mandate of the office or agency under unusual circumstances, the maximum time prescribed above may be extended. For the extension due to the nature of frontline services or the mandate of the office or agency concerned, the period for the delivery of frontline services shall be indicated in the Citizen’s Charter. The office or agency concerned shall notify the requesting party in writing of the reason for the extension and the final date of release for the extension and the final date of release of the frontline service requested.

“x xx.”

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*— Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*— All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,