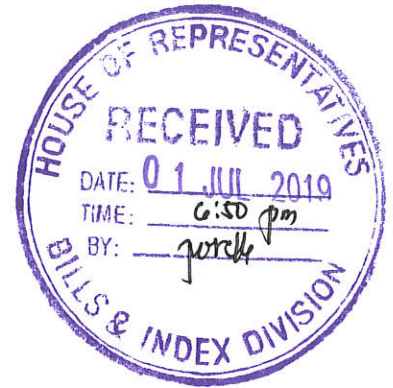


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The public demands fast and efficient service not only from the private sector, but most importantly from government. In fact, people have higher expectations from government with regard to providing services. It is for this reason that Republic Act No. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 was enacted into law. Clearly, streamlining government processes is a priority of this administration.

With the developments in the field of information technology, government processes can now easily be improved with appropriate legislation, strict implementation, and proper technology on information sharing between and among government agencies.

This measure seeks to provide a system that would further streamline the processing of applications, clearances, and permits in government agencies through information sharing between and among government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations by creating a central office, the National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO), that would manage the flow and sharing of information as well as provide the needed documentation in inter-government transactions. The transfer of information shall be done through electronic means.

Creating an office solely devoted to managing the flow of information sharing would certainly cut red tape since the applicant in the processing of applications, clearances and permits from a national government agency will no longer have to go through each and every agency involved in the documentation, validation, or authentication of the required documents. The national agency itself shall have the responsibility to act as the requesting party in behalf of said client or applicant. Thus, the NIMCO shall coordinate with the national government agency concerned as to the

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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 "Streamlining of Information Sharing Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. A National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO) is hereby created under the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to coordinate with government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, to manage the flow and sharing of information as well as provide the needed documentation in inter-government transactions.

SECTION 3. All national government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations shall be required to share and provide data and/or documentation through the National Information Management and Coordinating Authority (NIMCA) when needed.

SECTION 4. It shall be the responsibility of a national government agency, when processing applications, clearances and permits requested by its clients that require validation / authentication / documentation / documentary requirements from other national government agencies, to act as the requesting party in behalf of said clients with the NIMCO. The NIMCO shall coordinate with the national government agencies concerned regarding the aforementioned requirements, which shall provide the same to NIMCO which in turn will forward these to the requesting national agency.

SECTION 5. The transfer of information shall be done through electronic means. It shall be the responsibility of NIMCO to incorporate security features and authentication procedures when managing the data in its possession before passing on

the data or documentation needed to the requesting party. The NIMCO shall also establish its own protocols and standards aimed at serving each request using the minimum time possible. All national agencies shall also establish protocols and standards in transacting with the NIMCO aimed for the same purpose.

SECTION 6. The requesting party shall collect the appropriate fee from the client for the processing of his request, in addition, the client shall also be charged the processing fees based on the schedule of fees on documents or other services rendered or needed by the client as provided by the different national government agencies. In addition, the requesting party shall collect an administrative fee in behalf of the NIMCO. Collections from fees due to other national government agencies and the administrative fee for NIMCO shall be placed in a trust account for remittance to the National Treasury, which will then remit the same to the NIMCO and the national agency to which the collection is due.

SECTION 7. The funding needed for the establishment and operation of the National Information Management and Coordinating Office (NIMCO) shall be immediately included in the General Appropriations Act under the budget of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) upon the passage of this Act.

SECTION 8. The DICT shall formulate and issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary within 90 days after the passage of this Act for the efficient and effective implementation of all provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum circulars inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,