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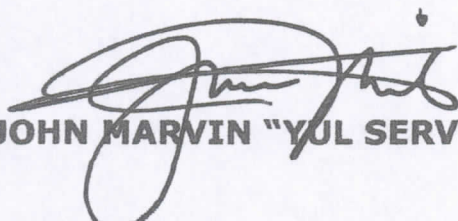
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Government agencies often require their respective applicants to procure and provide the most recent Birth Certificate from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), whether it is for employment purposes, securing permits, availing of financial services, or acquiring documents.

This has been the common practice for many years, but the cost of this process is taxing and serves as a burden to the applicants. Offices would often require a birth certificate that has been certified by the PSA within the last six (6) months. The PSA, on the other hand, has always clarified that the birth certificates that they issue do not have any expiration date, but this did not prohibit these offices from continuing the aforementioned practice.

The Birth Certificate Lifetime Validity Act seeks to stop the unnecessary and costly procurement of the birth certificate as a requirement for availing government services. Moreover, this measure, if enacted, will prohibit these agencies from requiring applicants to submit birth records printed on the most recent version of the security paper used by the PSA, or birth records certified by PSA within the past six (6) months. Furthermore, birth certificates certified and issued by the PSA shall be considered valid at any time.

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

  
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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**

*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,*