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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In his first State Of the Nation Address (SONA) last July 25, 2016, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte expressed and emphasized his desire to establish one-stop-shop centers to expedite the issuance or release of clearances, permits and applications, especially of retirees, veterans, senior citizens, overseas workers, pregnant women, and the differently-abled.

Indeed, the tedious process of securing a clearance, permit or application is tiring, discouraging and costly.

To illustrate, let us take the case of a new passport application. With so many requirements issued/released by various national government agencies, prior to the DFA's grant of passport, one cannot complete the process in a week. Securing valid IDs, such as NBI clearance and Police Clearance, and Birth Certificate, among other requirements for passport application, proves to be time-wasting, physically tiring and costly, given the transportation and food expenses as one goes to and from the NBI, NSO, or PNP station.

Worse, because of this decades-old set up, 'fixing' has become a daily source of living for some. This kind of government service is truly annoying and discouraging. This must stop. The government service must be improved for no other reason than that the Filipino people deserves it.

This bill seeks to mandate the establishment of one-stop-shop centers in every city, province and in strategic areas to ensure the expeditious issuance and/or release of clearances, permits, and applications with any national government agency, department, office, instrumentality or government owned or controlled corporation.

On this score, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

ENSURING THE EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE OR RELEASE OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CLEARANCES, PERMITS, AND APPLICATIONS, MANDATING THEREBY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE-STOP SHOP CENTERS IN EVERY CITY, PROVINCE, AND STRATEGIC AREAS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** — This Act shall be known and cited as the One Stop-Shop
2 Center Act or OSSCA of 2016.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Every national government agency, department, office, or
5 instrumentality including government-owned and controlled corporation, mandated to issue
6 any requirement for the issuance or release of any clearance, permit, and application shall
7 actively participate in the establishment of any one stop-shop center for whatever legitimate
8 purpose or activity for the benefit of the people.

9 Such one stop-shop center shall be established in every province and city in the
10 Philippines. In Metro Manila, the one stop-shop center shall be established in every city and
11 component municipality.

12 The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is hereby
13 mandated to provide technical assistance to ensure the expeditious issuance or release of any
14 such requirement and subsequent clearance, permit, and application.

1 **SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — Within 60 days from its
2 effectivity, the Office of the President shall issue the necessary implementing rules and
3 regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act and relevant laws.

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5 **SECTION 4. *Funding Requirement.*** — The amount necessary to carry out the
6 provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following
7 its enactment into law and thereafter.

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9 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect immediately after its complete
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,