

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11055, August 06, 2018]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINES IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.*-This Act shall be known as the Philippine Identification System Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.*- It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish a single national system referred to as the "Philippine Identification System" or the "PhilSys" for all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines to promote seamless delivery of service, to improve the efficiency, transparency, and targeted delivery of public and social services, to enhance administrative governance, to reduce corruption and curtail bureaucratic red tape, to avert fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations, strengthen financial inclusion, and to promote ease of doing business. Towards this end, a resilient digital system shall be deployed to secure the data collected and ensure that the people's right to privacy, confidentiality and other basic rights are at all times upheld and protected.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.*- The PhilSys shall primarily be established to provide a valid proof of identity for all citizens and resilient aliens as a means of simplifying public and private transactions. The PhilSys aims to eliminate the need to present other forms of identification when transacting with the government and the private sector, subject to appropriate authentication measures based on a biometric identification system.

Furthermore, the PhilSys shall be a social and economic platform through which all transactions including public and private services can be availed of and shall serve as the link in the promotions of seamless service delivery, enhancing administrative governance, reducing corruption, strengthening financial inclusion, and promoting ease of doing business.

SEC. 4. *Scope and Application.*- This Act shall apply to all natural persons in all transactions where the PhilSys Number, Philippine Identification (PhilID), or biometric information is required, presented, or used, whether legally or illegally, within or outside the Republic of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. *Definition of Terms.*- *As used in this Act:*

(a) *Authentication* refers to the process of verifying, whether online or offline, the identity of an individual against the registry information in the PhilSys or PhilID.

(b) *Biometric exceptions* refer to instances whereby a citizen or resident alien is not able to give complete set of biometrics as required by PhilSys but is nevertheless admitted into the Philsys.

(c) *Biometric information* refers to front facing photograph, fingerprint, iris scan and/or such other identifiable features of an individual.

(d) *Cardholder* refers to a citizen or resident alien who has been registered under the PhilSys and who has been issued and thus, in possession of the Philippine Identification Card.

(e) *Citizen* refers to a Filipino citizen, as defined in the Constitution, including those with dual or multiple citizenships, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the "Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003".

(f) *Mobile Registration* refers to transportable registrations centers.

(g) *Personal information* refers to any information whether recorded in a material form or not, from which the identity of an individual is apparent or can be reasonably and directly ascertained by the entity holding the information or when put together with other information would directly and certainly identify an individual as defined in Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012".

(h) *Philippine Embassy or Philippine Foreign Service post* refers to a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Republic of the Philippines in a foreign country, including the economic and cultural office of the Philippines, or the like, in a foreign territory.

(i) *Record history* refers to an entry in the PhilSys consisting of the information regarding a registered person in connection with his or her entries in the system and his or her PhilID, as follows:

(1) Date of filing of the application for registration and the particulars thereof;

(2) Date of filing of every application for modification and the particulars thereof;

(3) Modification of entry made, the date such modification was made, and the documents or other proof submitted in support thereof;

(4) Reason for the omission of any entry.

(5) Dates of issuance, reissuance, and cancellation of the PhilID, and including the reasons therefor;

(6) Details of authentication requests processed by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), including the date request was made and processed, the requesting entity, and the response provided by PhilSys:

(7) Disclosure, conveyance, dissemination, publication and use of information by third parties; and

(8) Other relevant information regarding the registration modification, and authentication of personal information of a citizen or resident alien under this Act.

(j) *Registered information* refers to any personal information regarding a citizen or resident alien recorded in the PhilSys, including biometric information and

information about a citizen or resident alien required under this Act to be recorded under the PhilSys.

(k) *Registered person* refers to a person who has been registered under the PhilSys.

(l) *Registration* refers to the process of entering demographic and biometric information of citizens or resident aliens in the Philippines to the system.

(m) *Registration centers* refer to necessary facilities to capture both demographic and biometrics information required for PhilSys as enumerated in Section 9 of this Act.

(n) *Resident alien* refers to an individual who is not a citizen of the Philippine but has established residence in the Philippine for an aggregate period of more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

SEC. 6. *The Philippine Identification System (PhilSys).*- The PhilSys is the government's central identification platform for all citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines. An individual's record in the PhilSys shall be considered as an official and sufficient proof of identity.

SEC. 7. *Philippine Identification System Components.*-The PhilSys shall have the following key components:

(a) *PhilSys Number (PSN).*-The PSN is a randomly generated, unique, and permanent identification number that will be assigned to every citizen or resident alien upon birth or registration by the PSA. All government agencies, including government-owned or-controlled corporations (GOCCs) shall incorporate in their identification systems and databases the PSN of covered individuals which shall be the standard number for the individual across all agencies of the government. The PSN, in print, electronic or any other form, subject to authentication, shall be accepted as sufficient proof of identity.

(b) *The PhilSys Registry.*-The PSA, as repository and custodian of all data, shall create and maintain a PhilSys Registry that will contain the PSN, registered records, and information of all persons registered in the PhilSys. The information in the PhilSys Registry shall be classified in a manner that allows safeguards for data privacy and security, access controls, and change management.

(c) *The PhilID.*- A nontransferable card shall preferably be issued to all citizens or resident aliens registered under the PhilSys subject to the guidelines to be issued by the PSA:

(1) *Features.*- The PhilID shall be the physical medium issued to convey essential information about the person's identity containing on its face the PSN, full name, sex, blood type, marital status (optional), place of birth, a front facing photograph, date of birth, and address of the individual in whose favor it was issued. All information appearing in the PhilID should match with the registered information in the PhilSys. The PhilID shall contain QR Code which contains some fingerprint information and other security features as safeguards for data privacy and security, and prevention against the proliferation of fraudulent or falsified identification cards. The PSA in consideration of advances in technology, utility, security and confidentiality may, subject to appropriate guidelines that shall be issued on the matter, provide citizens or resident aliens with mobile PhilID.

(2) *Purpose.*- The PhilID shall serve as the official government-issued identification document of cardholders in dealing with all national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), (GOCCs, government financial institutions (GFIs), and all private sector entities.

(3) *Fees.*- The initial application and issuance as well as the renewal of the PhilID for citizens shall be free of charge. A standard fee shall be collected by the issuing agency from resident aliens and on the reissuance of a replacement card: Provided, That the PSA may identify instances wherein fees on replacement card maybe waived.

SEC. 8. *PhilSys Registry Data.*- Information to be collected and stored under the PhilSys shall be limited to the following:

(a) Demographic Data

- (1) Full Name;
- (2) Sex;
- (3) Date of Birth;
- (4) Place of Birth;
- (5) Blood Type;
- (6) Address;
- (7) Filipino or Resident Alien;
- (8) Marital Status (optional)
- (9) Mobile Number (optional); and
- (10) E-mail address (optional)

(b) Biometrics Information

- (1) Front Facing Photograph;
- (2) Full set of fingerprints;
- (3) Iris scan; and
- (4) If necessary, other identifiable features of an individual as may be determined in the implementing rules and regulation (IRR).

In case of visual or physical impairment that renders the capturing of the biometric information of the person applying for registration impossible, biometric exceptions shall be employed and allowed by the PSA. The PSA shall issue guidelines for the appropriate age for capturing the biometrics information of minors.

SEC. 9. *Registration.*- One (1) year after the effectivity of this Act, every citizen or resident alien shall register personally with the following registration centers that have the necessary facilities to capture the information required to be contained in the Registry:

- (a) PSA Regional and Provincial Offices.;
- (b) Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs);
- (c) Government Service Insurance System (GSIS);
- (d) Social Security System (SSS);
- (e) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth);
- (f) Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF);
- (g) Commission on Elections (COMELEC);
- (h) Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost); and
- (i) Other government agencies and GOCCs as may be assigned by the PSA.

In the case of Filipino citizens residing abroad, the registration shall be made in the nearest Philippine Embassy or Philippine Foreign Service post, or other registration centers that may be designated by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in coordination with the PSA.

Special arrangements shall be made for the registration of the following:

- (1) Minors;
- (2) Senior Citizens;
- (3) Persons with disability;
- (4) Indigineous Persons; and
- (5) Persons in Institutional Households.

The PSA shall also initiate mobile registrations to cater to citizens and resident aliens in remote areas.

Registration in the PhilSys is deemed successful and complete upon the issuance of the PSN and confirmation of registration by the PSA.

SEC. 10. *Basic Documentary Requirements.*- The registration centers shall require the presentation of the applicant's birth certificate as a basic documentary requirement for identification of citizens seeking to register with the PhilSys: *Provided*, that for resident aliens, proof of his her residence in the philippines shall be required: *Provided, further*, That in order to ensure easier verification, citizens and resident aliens may be allowed to submit an alternative or additional documents to prove his or her identity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, appropriate guidelines shall be issued to ensure that the registration is not prohibitive and restrictive as to unduly defeat the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Change of Entries.*- In case of change in any of the entries in the information collected and stored under the PhilSys, citizens or resident aliens shall update their registration information in the manner to be specified by the PSA.

SEC. 12. *Authentication.*- For purposes of establishing proof of identity for transacting business with any government agency, the presentation of the PhilID or