

SENATE

S. NO. **3284**

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AN ACT

**TO SET THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME (PST) IN ALL OFFICIAL SOURCES  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION,  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SYNCHRONIZED TIME DEVICES TO BE  
DISPLAYED IN KEY PUBLIC PLACES AND TO DECLARE THE FIRST WEEK OF  
EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TIME CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**

*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 as “The Philippine Standard Time  
2 (PST) Act of 2012”.

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4           **SEC. 2. *Display of the Philippine Standard Time.*** – All national and local government  
5 offices shall display the Philippine Standard Time (PST) on their official time devices, including  
6 bundy clocks, in accordance with the official time being provided by the Philippine  
7 Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) using its  
8 network time protocol. All of these offices shall coordinate, at least once a month, with the  
9 PAGASA to synchronize their official timepieces and devices.

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11           **SEC. 3. *Monitoring, Maintenance and Dissemination of the PST.*** – The PAGASA’s  
12 Time Service Unit, in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST),  
13 shall be tasked to monitor, maintain and disseminate the PST throughout the country. The  
14 PAGASA shall operate and maintain a timekeeping system to perform these functions and shall  
15 endeavour to install and maintain sufficiently large and prominently displayed synchronized time  
16 devices in all their field stations and in key public places.

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18           **SEC. 4. *Procurement of Equipment for the Automatic Dissemination of Time.*** – The  
19 procurement of equipment necessary for the automatic dissemination of time with global  
20 positioning system (GPS) shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184

1 (Government Procurement Reform Act). The DOST shall be the procurement overseer of said  
2 equipment.

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4 **SEC. 5. *General Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this  
5 Act shall be included in the appropriation of PAGASA under the DOST in the General  
6 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the upgrading and/or  
7 maintenance of the timekeeping system shall be included in the annual budget of the DOST and  
8 PAGASA.

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10 **SEC. 6. *Role of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC).*** – The NTC  
11 shall require the participation of all government and private television and radio stations in order  
12 to ensure the synchronization of time-keeping devices can be undertaken even in the most remote  
13 parts of the country.

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15 **SEC. 7. *Violations.*** – The NTC shall have jurisdiction to enforce obedience to the  
16 provisions of this Act by writ of injunction or by other process, mandatory or otherwise,  
17 restraining further violations of this Act and enjoining obedience thereto.

18 Owners of private television and radio stations who shall fail to calibrate and synchronize  
19 their time devices with PST during their broadcast shall, upon hearing and due proceedings, be  
20 penalized with a fine of not less than Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) but not more than Fifty  
21 thousand pesos (P50,000.00) and in case of second offense, revocation and cancellation of their  
22 franchises to operate.

23 The fine to be collected as penalty for the violation of this Act shall be deposited in the  
24 general fund of the National Treasury.

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26 **SEC. 8. *Information Campaign.*** – All national and local government offices, including  
27 all schools, public or private, shall conduct a continuing information campaign about the value of  
28 time and the need to respect the time of others, in order that the people may realize the  
29 imperative of synchronizing the official time.

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31 **SEC. 9. *Institutionalization of the “National Time Consciousness Week”.*** – The  
32 “National Time Consciousness Week” shall be institutionalized and celebrated every first week  
33 of the year.

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35 **SEC. 10. *Implementing Guidelines.*** – The PAGASA, in coordination with DOST, NTC,  
36 the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), the Department of the Interior  
37 and Local Government (DILG), the Department of National Defense (DND), the Department of  
38 Health (DOH), the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education

1 (CHED), shall promulgate the necessary guidelines for the effective implementation of the  
2 calibration and synchronization of the time-keeping devices and implementation of this Act  
3 within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

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5 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
6 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and  
7 effect.

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9 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules  
10 and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this  
11 Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the  
14 *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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