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HOUSE BILL NO. 2810

Introduced by: REP. CONSUELO A. DY

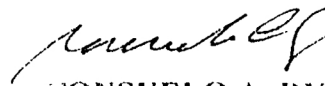
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill has been filed and has been approved by the Committee on Social Services during the 12th Congress. This measure is again being filed in order to pursue the ideals initially provided for by Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons. The said law states that persons with disabilities must be assisted and integrated in society. However, their willingness to participate in society is hampered by difficulties brought about by their disabled condition. In spite of the enactment and implementation of measures concerning persons with disabilities, some infrastructures and public places are still not equipped with facilities and supported by programs that are appropriate for them.

This bill intends to ensure that persons with disabilities (PWDs) nationwide are provided with the package of services that have been determined by the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons. This include access to employment opportunities, quality education, health, auxiliary social services, telecommunications, accessibility, political and civil rights and prevention of discrimination.

Hence this bill intends to create a Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) in every province, city and municipality. This will be done in close coordination with local government units (LGUs) in ensuring that all service due to persons with disabilities will be provided.

Due to the foregoing reasons, passage of this bill is being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 Section 1. Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "Section 40. *Role of National Agencies and Local Government Units.*

3 (A) Local government units shall promote the establishment of organizations of [disabled
4 persons]PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) in their respective territorial
5 jurisdictions. National agencies and local government units may enter into joint ventures
6 with organizations or associations of [disabled persons] PWDS to explore livelihood
7 opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance their health, physical fitness and
8 economic social well-being.

9 (B) IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO
10 ENSURE THAT THE AGENCIES CONCERNED SHALL EXTEND THE SERVICES
11 PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO PWDS BY CREATING THE PERSONS WITH
12 DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND
13 MUNICIPALITY.

14 Section 2. Repealing Clause. -- All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules
15 and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
16 modified accordingly.

17 Section 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in
18 two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the *Official Gazette*, whichever comes first.

Approved.