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Introduced by HONORABLE JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In order to promote public health, it is hereby declared the policy of the State:

- a) To promote awareness about the importance of blood type which is to be found in all government-issued identification cards; and
- b) To facilitate immediate transfusion response during medical emergencies.

The blood supply system is one that requires a high degree of scientific accuracy, training, and integrity. The blood products must be pure as there is little room for error. Blood typing underscores this need for accuracy.

This bill proposes that all certificates, licenses and identification cards issued by the government include a portion indicating the blood type of the holder thereof. Information on a person's blood type allows immediate action, or transfusion response in particular, during medical emergencies, especially in times of disaster. Through this program, the safety of citizens undergoing medical procedures is ensured. It will also aid blood banks such as those maintained by the Philippine National Red Cross and hospitals to manage their stock of blood more systematically.

For these reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Representative
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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS,
CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INCLUDE A PORTION INDICATING
THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER THEREOF AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "*Blood Type Identification Act of 2010.*"

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* In order to promote public health, it is hereby declared the policy of the State:

- c) To promote awareness about the importance of blood type which is to be found in all government-issued identification cards; and
- d) To facilitate immediate transfusion response during medical emergencies.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Agencies.* The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Local Treasurer's Office and the Local Registrar's Office shall implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Rules and Regulations.* All government implementing agencies, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months of its effectivity.

SEC. 5. *Coverage.* The following government-issued identification documents shall bear the blood type of its owner-holder:

- a) Certificates

- 1) Birth Certificate or Certificate of Live Birth; and
- 2) Community Tax Certificate, as issued by the Local Treasurer's Office

b) Licenses

- 1) Driver's license, as issued by the LTO; and
- 2) Firearms license, as issued by the PNP

c) Identification Cards

- 1) SSS Card, as issued by the SSS;
 - 2) GSIS card, as issued by the GSIS;
 - 3) Passport, as issued by the DFA; and
 - 4) Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC
- and such other identification documents in the same classification as enumerated above.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the implementing agencies under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Penal Provision. Any person who, on his own volition, bears false information regarding his or her blood type on his or her license and/or other government identification cards shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00).

Any person in government office who violates the provisions of this Act shall, in addition to the penalty stated above, be dismissed from government service.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,