

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 907

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Introduced by Representative Susan A. Yap

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipinos have generally low awareness of their very own blood type. Unfortunately, this simple knowledge spells life and death situations in unlikely events such as accidents, disasters, or calamities. During these times, information of the blood type of the victim should come in handy so that the rescue worker or health practitioner can easily identify the need, resources, and what ought to be done.

Blood typing and its sources can get very complicated if not known immediately. For example, the Philippine National Red Cross estimated that approximately <1% of the population are Rh negative and >99% are Rh positive. Because of inadequacy of Rh negative blood, the Registry for this blood type was established in 1999.

As such, this bill mandates that blood types of every individual must be stipulated in all government-issued identification documents for easy access anytime.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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14 AN ACT

15 REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS,  
16 CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INCLUDE A PORTION INDICATING THE  
17 BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
18 VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

21 SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Blood Type Identification Act of 2010".  
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23 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - In order to promote public health, it is hereby declared the  
24 policy of the State:

25 (a) To promote awareness about the importance of blood type which is to be found in all  
26 government-issued identification cards; and

27 (b) To facilitate immediate transfusion response during medical emergencies.  
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29 SEC. 3. *Implementing Agencies.* - The Government Service insurance System (GSIS), Social  
30 Security System (SSS), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Land Transportation Office  
31 (LTO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Local Treasurer's  
32 Office and the Local Registrar's Office shall implement the provisions of this Act.  
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34 SEC. 4. *Rules and Regulations.* - All government implementing agencies, in coordination with  
35 the Department of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the  
36 provisions of this Act within six (6) months of its effectivity.  
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38 SEC. 5. *Coverage.* - The following government-issued identification documents shall bear the  
39 blood type of its owner-holder:

40 (a) Certificates

41 (1) Birth Certificate or Certificate of Live Birth; and

42 (2) Community Tax Certificate, as issued by the Local Treasurer's Office

43 (b) Licenses

44 (1) Driver's license, as issued by the LTO; and

45 (2) Firearms license, as issued by the PNP

46 (c) Identification Cards

47 (1) SSS Card, as issued by the SSS;

48 (2) GSIS card, as issued by the GSIS;

49 (3) Passport, as issued by the DFA; and

50 (4) Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC and such other  
51 identification documents in the same classification as enumerated above.  
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1        SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be  
2 charged to the appropriations of the implementing agencies under the General Appropriations Act.  
3 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation *shall* be included in the  
4 annual General Appropriations Act.  
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6        SEC 7. *Penal Provision.* - Any person who, on his own volition, bears false information  
7 regarding his or her blood on his or her license and/or other government identification cards shall  
8 be punished by a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00).  
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10       Any person in government office who violates the provisions of this Act shall, in addition to  
11 the penalty stated above, be dismissed from government service.  
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13       SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - in the event that any provision of this Act is declared  
14 unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.  
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16       SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances  
17 or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
18 modified accordingly.  
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20       SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and  
21 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation in the  
22 Philippines.  
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