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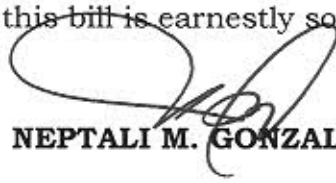
This bill requires all government issued cards, certificates and licenses to indicate the blood type of the holder thereof and providing penalties for its violations.

The right to health of the Filipino people is enshrined in Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to wit:

"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Accidents and other medical emergency situations affect and happen to everyone. Thus, in case of emergency which results to excessive blood loss, immediate matching of the correct blood type may be transfused in order to save the life of the victim. Knowledge of one's blood type is important for both the recipient and the donor for the immediate transfusion of the appropriate blood.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ISSUING
IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO
INDICATE THEREIN THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

*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 “Blood
2 Type Identification Act of 2013”.

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – In order to promote public health, it
4 is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote awareness about the
5 importance of blood type which is to be found in all government-issued
6 identification cards and to facilitate immediate transfusion during medical
7 emergencies.

8 **SEC. 3. Blood Type Identification.** – The Government Service
9 Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), the Professional
10 Regulation Commission (PRC), the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the

1 Philippine National Police (PNP), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the
2 Local Treasurer's Office, the Local Registrar's Office and other pertinent
3 agencies which may later be identified or created upon the effectivity of this
4 Act shall indicate in their issued certificates, licenses and identification
5 cards the blood type of the owner-holder.

6 **SEC. 4. Coverage.** – The following government-issued identification
7 documents shall bear the blood type of its owner-holder:

8 (a) Certificates:

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

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

12 (b) Licenses:

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

14 (2) Firearms license, as issued by the PNP.

15 (c) Identification Cards:

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

17 (2) GSIS Card, as issued by the GSIS;

18 (3) Passport as issued by the DFA; and

19 (4) Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC

20 and such other certificates, licenses and/or identification documents
21 that the other agencies not yet stated in Section 3 may issue in the
22 same classification as enumerated above.

23 **SEC. 5. Prohibited Act.** – It shall be unlawful for any person to
24 deliberately bear false information as to one's blood type on any certificate,
25 license and other government identification card.

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2 **SEC. 6. Penal Provision.** – Violations of Section 5 of this Act shall be
3 punishable by a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but
4 not more than Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00). Any person in government
5 office who violates the provisions of this Act shall, in addition to the penalty
6 stated above, be dismissed from government service.

7 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the
8 implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the
9 implementing agencies under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).
10 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued
11 implementation shall be included in the GAA.

12 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – All government
13 implementing agencies, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall
14 formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions
15 of this Act within six (6) months of its effectivity.

16 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – In the event that any provision of this
17 Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not
18 be affected by such declaration.

19 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
20 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
21 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
23 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

24 Approved,