

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 6218



Introduced by **HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We have continuously upheld the rights of and sought to grant privileges to persons with disabilities in recognition of their contributions to society. Through the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, we have adopted policies ensuring their rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance.

This bill seeks to further provide support to our PWDs by granting them mandatory Philhealth coverage. Differently-abled persons require more frequent and intensive medical attention as a result of their condition. With the limitations the latter causes them, it is but apt that the government extends this additional assistance.

Successful nations nurture empowered people. Enabling our PWDs takes us a step closer towards achieving that goal.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodrigo A. Abellanos".

RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”

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

SECTION 1. A new section to be denominated as Section 33 is hereby added under Title 2, Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, to read as follows and the numbering of the succeeding sections are adjusted accordingly:

“SEC. 33. All indigent persons with disabilities shall be provided mandatory PhilHealth Coverage. The local government units where the indigent persons with disability reside shall allocate the necessary funds to ensure the enrolment of their indigent persons with disability in accordance with the pertinent laws and regulations”.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,