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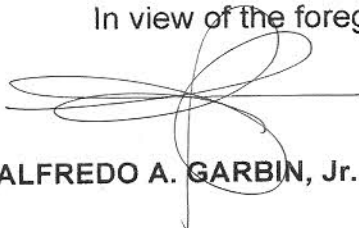
This bill seeks to provide for mandatory PhilHealth coverage for persons with disabilities.

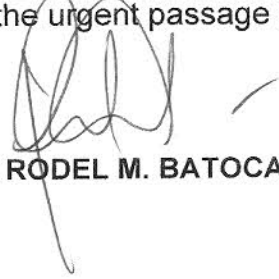
Persons with mental, mobility, hearing, and visual disability have historically been marginalized in Philippine society. With the enactment of the RA 7277, or the *Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*, PWDs are now recognized to be an important part of the society, with the same rights as other people, to take their proper place in nation building. While enjoying the same rights, it is undeniable that PWDs have higher demand for medical and health services from the government due to their physical disabilities.

According to the latest available data from the 2010 Philippine Census, almost 1.5 million household population in the country or 1.57 percent had disability. This number is expected to have increased by 2015 Philippine Census data, if PWDs were not left out. While there are PWDs employed, many are unemployed and are dependent on the income of other family members.

This Act will alleviate the burden on households with PWDs by providing for their automatic health insurance coverage under the national health insurance program of PhilHealth. Once enacted into law, all PWDs who have significantly so much less in life, will have more assistance for their medical and health care needs.

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


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