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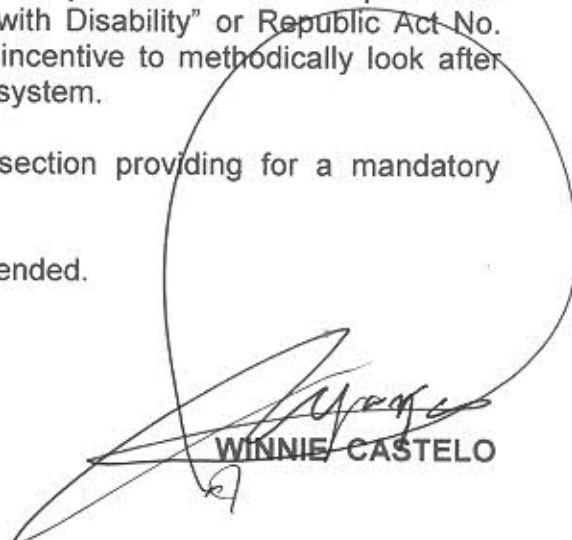
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

People with disability (PWDs) are among the most vulnerable sectors in our society. The State should look after their health as they are barely able to sustain this primordial necessity of life. The "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability" or Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, omitted the basic privilege or incentive to methodically look after their health via an institutionalized health insurance system.

Hence, this proposed measure seeks to add a section providing for a mandatory Philhealth coverage to all persons with disability.

The immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY", AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 21 is hereby added under Chapter III. HEALTH of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 21. PHILHEALTH COVERAGE – ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SHALL BE COVERED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH). FUNDS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ENROLLMENT OF ALL PWDs WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY COVERED UNDER ANY EXISTING CATEGORY SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND OF PHILHEALTH EARMARKED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SIN TAX COLLECTIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351.

SEC. 3. Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,