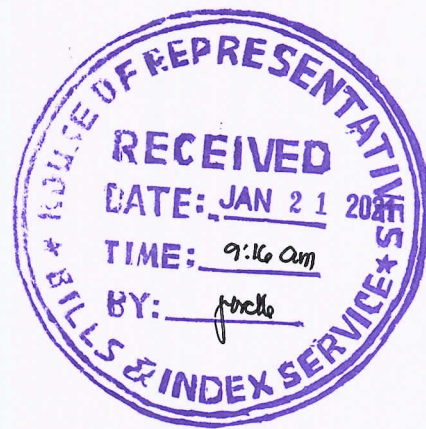


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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS
FOR PUBLIC USE TO HAVE READILY AVAILABLE WHEELCHAIRS
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND OTHER
INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED SIMILAR CARE, AND PENALIZING ANY
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The protection of the rights of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) continues to be a national concern and an evolving area of study. While initiatives on this are constantly pushed, gaps in the current efforts of the government shall be incessantly reviewed and enhanced to guarantee that the policies in place are fully responsive to the distinct needs of PWDs and other individuals that need similar care.

The objective of this bill is to strengthen the government’s efforts to improve the accessibility of services and mobility of all PWDs and other individuals that need similar care by mandating the provision of wheelchairs in all public and private establishments for public use. This is to ensure that all the needs of PWDs are taken into consideration and are given importance and proper support.

Furthermore, it is imperative to protect the integrity of existing laws that support mainstreaming of PWDs by ensuring that the general public adheres to the requirements of these laws.

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


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

SECTION 1. Short Title- This Act shall be known as the “Wheelchair
Provision and Accessibility Protection Act of 2021.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared the policy of the
state to provide all the assistance needed to facilitate the exercise of rights of all
PWDs and extend its support to other individuals that need similar care all the
time.

SECTION 3. Coverage - All public and private establishments for public
use shall be covered by this Act.

SECTION 4. Provision of wheelchair - All public and private
establishments are hereby mandated to have readily available wheelchairs for the
use of PWDs and other individuals that need similar care, such as elderly and
pregnant women, at any time needed.

SECTION 5. Blocking of PWD Access Ramps - Blocking PWD Access
Ramps is hereby declared unlawful. All individuals that hamper the use of PWD
Access Ramps shall be imposed a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos
(₱5,000.00) but not more than Ten thousand pesos (₱ 10,000.00).

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations - National Council on
Disability Affairs in close coordination with the Department of the Interior and

Local Government and Local Government Units shall promulgate the rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause - If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,