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House Bill No. 9486



Introduced by ACT-CIS Party-list Representative ROWENA NIÑA O. TADURAN

AN ACT PROVIDING MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), WHETHER PHYSICAL OR MENTAL, BY PROVIDING NECESSARY INTERVENTIONS AND MECHANISM TO ENSURE THAT THEY ENJOY FULL PRIVILEGES, PROTECTION AND FREEDOM FROM ANY DISCRIMINATION AND DISCOMFORT AS CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

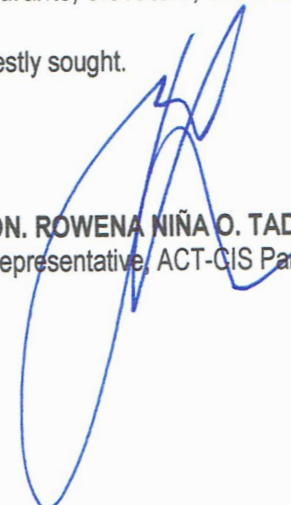
The purpose of this bill is not to supersede the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended, but to complement it by providing a more comprehensive scope, given the varying experiences of discrimination reported to the undesigned.

While there are existing laws about the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs), they continue to face discrimination in many aspects such as job application, admission in some establishments, absence of access facilities and even denial of the discount due them in the absence of a physical PWD ID despite the obvious disability.

Since not all disabilities are visible, this law will cover all PWDs regardless of their impairment. As citizens of the Philippines, all PWDs have the right to be accorded discounts, parking space, access and convenience (priority in queues in restaurants, elevators, escalators, etc.)

To this end, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Section 1. No PWD shall be deprived of discount privileges, access and other benefits under existing laws; nor shall he/she be denied the privilege due to the absence of a physical or expired PWD ID. A digital copy shall be honored without any condition.

Section 2. A PWD ID shall not have an expiry date. In the absence of the physical ID, a digital copy thereof or the physical presence of the PWD shall suffice for the grant of discount and other privileges.

Section 3. Every local government unit (LGU), through its social welfare program, shall issue a temporary PWD ID or certification while the official PWD ID is in process.

Section 4. No doctor/hospital/health facility shall deny any PWD of the medical abstract certifying to his/her disability.

Section 5. A barangay certification shall not be mandatory in the application for a PWD card; a medical abstract certified and signed by a bona fide physician shall suffice.

Section 6. Notwithstanding the absence of a PWD ID, no PWD, especially one with visible physical/mental impairment, shall be unreasonably deprived of his/her privileges and benefits under the law.

Section 7. All PWD vehicles shall be accorded respect and consideration such as exemption from number coding, free valet parking, and parking slots conveniently located near the entrance/ exit of any establishment or building.

Section 8. Traveling PWDs shall be given free porter services in all the airports in the country. In buses, front seats shall remain vacant/reserved for PWDs and shall only be used when there is no PWD passenger.

Section 9. Parking slots shall be allotted for vehicles with PWD passengers. Unlawful use of a PWD parking slot shall subject the driver of the vehicle to a fine of PHP 10,000.00 or imprisonment for seven (7) days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

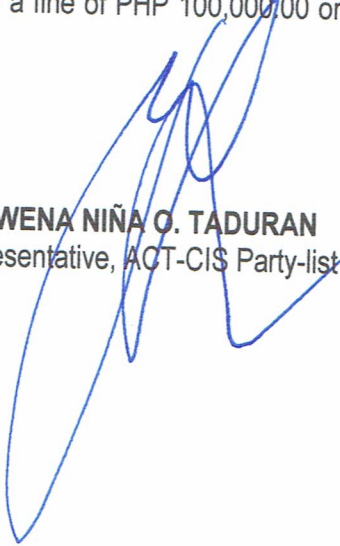
Section 10. In case a parking slot is unavailable, the establishment shall designate a safe waiting area for the vehicle carrying a PWD.

Section 11. PWDs traveling by air shall be exempt from terminal fees, travel tax and other taxes levied for both local and international travel.

Section 12. The discount provided by law to PWDs shall apply to services provided by Transport Network Vehicle Services. Denial of the discount shall be penalized by cancellation of permit to operate, a fine of PHP 10,000.00 and imprisonment for thirty (30) days.

Section 13. In the purchase/availment of goods/services, PWDs shall be given priority over others who are not senior citizens and without any disability.

Section 14. Any misuse, abuse, fraudulent claim of PWD privilege, use of counterfeit PWD ID or misrepresentation shall be punishable by a fine of PHP 100,000.00 or imprisonment for six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the court.



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