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HOUSE BILL NO. 10642

Introduced by Hon. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto



EXPLANATORY NOTE

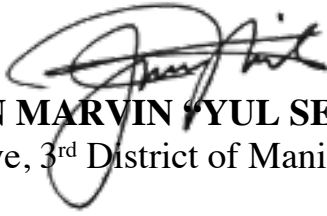
As representatives of the Filipino people, it is significant for us to ensure that the access to public services is efficient, most especially for our Persons with Disability (PWD). According to the National Council for Disability Affairs, there are more than 1.6 million Filipinos with disabilities in the Philippines. Despite our recent developments in their inclusion of accessible facilities in all our infrastructure projects of the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and Department of Public Works and Highways, as well as the implementation of the Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, we are yet to address the dreaded process of their having to fall in line to renew their PWD Identification Cards with specified privileges and benefits under the provisions of this Act.

We all know that the diseases of persons with disabilities significantly deteriorate their health over time. The longer that they suffer with their disease, the more that they become limited with tasks that they can easily accomplish before. We must keep in mind that they do not have the liberty to process their renewal nor do they have family members who can help them to do so.

Currently, the validity of these cards are limited to three (3) years and are issued by each Local Government Unit, in consideration of the need to re-evaluate the cardholder's present disability status. While such limitation is included to wade off individuals who abuse the system, the number of people who try to do such acts outweigh the individuals who have a permanent disability and are in great need of the benefits and privileges that come with the PWD Cards. Seeing that about 80-90% of persons with disabilities are unemployed and even if they have jobs, they receive little to no monetary remuneration.

This Act seeks to allow the issuance of PWD cards with a lifetime validity for those who are living with permanent disabilities, duly certified by the Municipal or City Health Office where the PWD resides.

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

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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PWDS WITH
PERMANENT DISABILITY FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA
CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”, AS AMENDED**

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

SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

XXX.

The above-mentioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

- (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor the barangay captain of the place where the person with disability resides;
- (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; and
- (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AS PROVIDED IN (I) AND (III) OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER, AND MAY BE RENEWED IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE: PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERMANENT DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH OFFICE, WHERE THE PWD RESIDES OR THE CERTIFICATION OF THE PWD'S PHYSICIAN; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS IS NOT ABUSED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ID HOLDER PASSES AWAY."

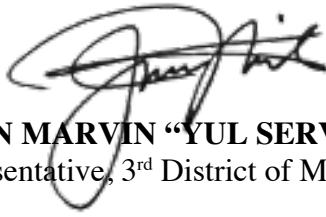
SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs in consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development and other relevant government agencies and stakeholders shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive order, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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