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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL No. 3739

**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES LANI MERCADO-REVILLA,
BRYAN B. REVILLA AND RAMON "JOLO" B. REVILLA III**

**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THOSE WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY OR
ELDERLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY," AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the Philippines ratified in 2008, invokes its States Parties to adopt appropriate legislative measures to recognize the rights of persons with disabilities, take appropriate measures to abolish discrimination against them and adopt programs and policies for the protection and promotion of the human rights of PWDs, among others.

Even before ratifying the said convention, Congress has already passed Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons which established policies for the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons. Support for disabled persons was further intensified with the passage of several other laws which allowed for the provision of PWD cards that granted discount privileges for certain services, commodities and necessities.

While this effort is very laudable, the tedious process of having to renew said privilege cards every five years is counterproductive, particularly for those disabled individuals who have issues with mobility.

It is therefore the goal of this bill to provide relief to PWDs who have permanent disabilities and the elderly by removing the expiration of their PWD cards. By giving

their privilege cards a lifetime validity, we are giving them the opportunity to enjoy their rightful benefits without barriers.

Immediate passage of this bill is therefore requested.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise
2 known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," is hereby further amended to
3 read as follows:

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5 "Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

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7 "x x x

8 "The abovementioned privileges are available only to PWD who are Filipino
9 citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement
10 thereto:

11 "(I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay
12 captain of the place where the PWD resides;

13 "(II) The passport of the PWD concerned; or

14 "(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the
15 [~~National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)~~] **NATIONAL**
16 **COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA).**

1 "PROVIDED, THAT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AS MENTIONED IN (I)
2 AND (III) OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, ISSUED TO A PWD WHO
3 HAS A PERMANENT DISABILITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE NCDA, OR
4 WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD SHALL BE VALID DURING
5 THE LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER: *PROVIDED*, FURTHER, THAT THE
6 NCDA, IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL
7 ISSUE A LIST OF DISABILITIES CONSIDERED AS PERMANENT FOR
8 THIS PURPOSE WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF
9 THIS ACT: *PROVIDED*, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE OF LOSS OR
10 DAMAGE, THE HOLDER MAY RENEW HIS/HER IDENTIFICATION
11 CARD; *PROVIDED*, FINALLY, THAT THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL
12 IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER USE OF THE
13 IDENTIFICATION CARD ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF THE ID HOLDER'S
14 DEATH.

15 "X X X."

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17 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Social
18 Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the NCDA, in coordination with the
19 Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government
20 (DILG) and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate the necessary implementing
21 rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
24 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
25 force and effect.

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27 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
28 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act
29 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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31 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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34 Approved.
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