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HOUSE BILL NO. 3980



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.,**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

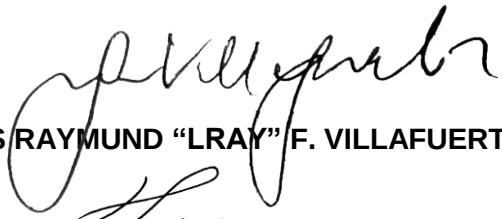
Article 2 Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

According to studies, two of the biggest problems of injury and death are loss of blood and organ damage due to trauma. There is a crucial point of time allowance in cases of accidents and emergencies that could greatly affect the well-being of a patient. Hence, a readily available accurate information of a patient could significantly help medical professionals in providing immediate assistance and relief to cases that call for urgent actions.

This measure proposes to require all government issued identification cards, licenses, and certificates to indicate the holder's blood type to prevent possible delays in hospitals and health institutions while at the same time promote health awareness among Filipinos. This bill will raise health consciousness and wellness on a national level by addressing medical information gap which will surely benefit both patient and medical practitioners.

The approval on this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF
INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND
LICENSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 *"Blood Type Identification Act"*.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures that would ensure the safety of lives during disasters and medical emergency situations.

SECTION 3. *Blood Type Identification.* – All government agencies shall indicate the blood type of an individual applying for government-issued identification card, certificate and license. For purposes of this Act, an individual's blood type must be duly certified by a pathologist.

SECTION 4. *Coverage.* – The following government-issued documents shall bear the blood type of an individual:

- (a) Identification card issued by the Social Security System, and the Government Service Insurance System;
- (b) Passport issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs;
- (c) Professional identification card issued by the Professional Regulation Commission;
- (d) Birth certificate issued by the Local Registrar's Office or the Philippine Statistics Authority;
- (e) Driver's license issued by the Land Transportation Office;
- (f) Firearms license issued by the Philippine National Police; and
- (g) Such other certificates, licenses or identification documents that are yet to be issued by agencies created after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations or corporate funds of the respective implementing agencies and corporations.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with all concerned government implementing agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

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

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,