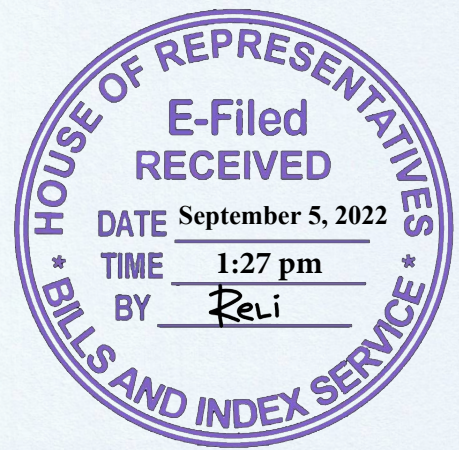


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

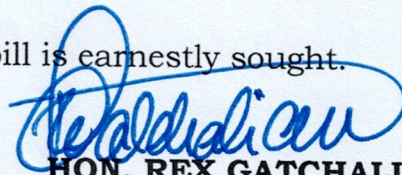
Accidents and other medical emergency situations happen to everyone. In the Philippines, the Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (MMARAS) recorded a total of 65,032 traffic accidents in the country's main metropolitan area in 2020, resulting in the death of 337 people. Broken down, Metro Manila averaged 178 road-crash incidents per day, with 50,230 cases resulting to damage to property, and 14,465 resulting in non-fatal injury.¹

During emergencies, especially in cases that may lead to excessive blood loss, immediate matching of the correct blood type that may be transfused is needed in order to save the life of the victim. Information about one's blood type is important for both the recipient and the donor for immediate transfusion especially during emergencies.

This bill aims to require all government agencies to indicate the blood type of individuals on their identification cards, certificates and licenses.

¹ Bjorn Biel M. Beltran, Where we are now on road safety. See <https://www.bworldonline.com/special-features/2021/05/14/368263/where-we-are-now-on-road-safety/>.

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



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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Blood Type*
2 *Identification Act*”.

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

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10 **SEC. 3.** *Blood Type Identification.* – All government agencies shall
11 indicate the blood type of an individual applying for government-issued
12 identification card, certificates and license. For purposes of this Act, an
13 individual’s blood type must be duly certified by a pathologist.

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

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18 (a) Identification card issued by the Social Security System, and the
19 Government Services Insurance System;

- 1 (b) Passport issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs;
2 (c) Professional identification card issued by the Professional
3 Regulation Commission;
4 (d) Birth certificate issued by the Local Registrar's Office or the
5 Philippine Statistics Authority;
6 (e) Driver's license issued by the Land Transportation Office;
7 (f) Firearms license issued by the Philippine National Police; and
8 (g) Such other certificates, licenses or identification documents that are
9 yet to be issued by agencies created after the effectivity of this Act.
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11 **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation
12 of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations or corporate funds of
13 the respective implementing agencies and corporations.
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15 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Secretary of
16 Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with all concerned government
17 implementing agencies, shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
18 implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from its
19 effectivity.
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21 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If the event that any provision of this Act
22 is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be
23 affected by such declaration.
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25 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decree, orders, rules and
26 regulations, and other issuances, or part thereof, inconsistent with this Act
27 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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29 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
30 promulgation in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,