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House Bill No. 5275



Introduced by Hon. MARVIN C. RILLO
Representative, Fourth District, Quezon City

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the 2010 census on population and housing conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, 1.44 million, or 1.57 percent of the 92.1 million household population of the country, are persons with disability (PWDs). The recorded figure of PWDs in the 2000 CPH was 935,551 persons, which was 1.23 percent of the household population¹. This number continuously grows as the years passes by and the existing laws and jurisprudence shall in every way take comprehensive, ingenious and holistic approach in keeping up with the statistical figure growth. Disability is considered on a larger scale, not just in the Philippines but also in the world, as a human right issue especially when United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD) comes into force.²

The 1987 Philippine Constitution as much explicitly espouses, as a matter of state policy, full equality of all in the eyes of the law, as it prohibits against discrimination on the bases of race, religion, gender, and physical conditions. Further, it is a policy of the State to protect PWDs and promote their welfare and development. To this end, laws may be enacted to better cater the evolving needs of said PWDs.

Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for the Disabled Persons, mandates rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance, and integration of PWDs into the mainstream society. This was amended by the passage of RA 9442 – An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known As The “Magna Carta For Disabled Persons, And For Other Purposes” which deliberately provides at least twenty percent (20%) discount in public railways, skyways and bus fare for the exclusive use and enjoyment of person with disability; **and that such 20-percent discount shall apply to “toll fees of skyways and expressways”.** However, in 2015, when RA 10754, otherwise known as “An Act Expanding The Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability” was enacted, such privilege was omitted.

In view of the foregoing, this humble representation respectfully moves for the passage of this bill to amend the SECTION (32)A (7) of R.A 7277, as amended by R.A 10745, otherwise known as an act expanding the benefits and privileges of persons with disability (PWDs).

¹ Retrieved from: <https://psa.gov.ph/content/persons-disability-philippines-results-2010-census>

² World Report on Disability (World Health Organization) 2011.

On behalf of the people of the Fourth District of Quezon City, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MARVIN C. RILLO', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

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“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION (32)A(7) OF R.A 7277, AS AMENDED BY R.A 10754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD)”

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

SECTION 1. *Section 32(a) (7) of Republic Act (RA) No. 7277, as amended by RA 10754, is hereby further amended to read as follows:*

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

(a) xxxx xxx xxxx

(7) On actual fare for land transportation travel such as, but not limited to, public utility buses or jeepneys (PUBs/PUJs), taxis, Asian utility vehicles (AUVs), shuttle services, **SKYWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS THE TOLL FEES OF WHICH ARE PAID THROUGH THE RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (RFID) OR SIMILAR SYSTEMS** and public railways, including Light Rail Transit (LRT), Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and Philippine National Railways (PNR).

IN THE AVAILMENT OF THIS PRIVILEGE, THE VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE PWD AND THE LATTER SHALL PRESENT AND SUBMIT A COPY OF HIS PWD IDENTIFICATION CARD TO THE TOLL OPERATOR WHEN APPLYING FOR RFID. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND. COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT. AUTHORITY (LRTA), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR), TOLL REGULATORY BOARD (TRB) AND LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) SHALL ISSUE CORRESPONDING CIRCULARS OR DIRECTIVES TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORT SECTOR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RULES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE HERewith, AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS TO THESE OPERATORS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE

**BENEFITS OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY BY POSTERS,
HANDBILLS OR PAMPHLETS ON BOARD THEIR VEHICLES”**

SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.



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