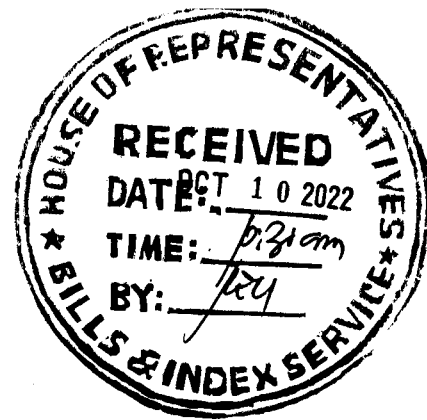


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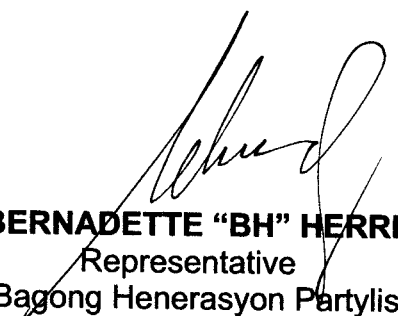
EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, the Identification Cards (IDs) issued to persons with disability (PWDs) are valid for a period of three (3) years. This bill proposes that the validity of the PWD IDs shall be dependent on the nature of one's disability. Specifically, this bill proposes that IDs issued to persons with permanent disability shall be valid during the lifetime of the holder; while IDs issued to persons with temporary disability shall be valid for three (3) years.

It bears stressing that the purpose of the renewal is for the re-evaluation of the PWDs' entitlement to the benefits pertaining to their disability status. This does not apply to persons with permanent disability. Thus, this bill seeks to minimize, if not totally eliminate, the unnecessary burden on the persons with permanent disability of renewing their PWD IDs every three (3) years.

The access of the PWDs to the benefits and privileges granted by law should not be hindered by bureaucratic procedures that serve no other purpose but to further burden a marginalized sector of the society.

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


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House Bill No. **5497**

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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY
IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS,
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9442 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10524**

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and Republic Act No. 10524, Chapter 8, Section 32, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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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 or the Barangay captain of the place where the persons with disability reside;
- (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or
- (III) Transportation discount fare identification card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

The Identification Cards (IDs) issued to persons with permanent disability as provided in (I) and (II) of the preceding paragraph shall be valid during the lifetime of the holder, and may be replaced in case of

loss or damage. On the other hand, the ID cards issued to persons with temporary disability shall be valid for three (3) years, and may be renewed thereafter. The purpose of renewal is for the issuing authority to re-evaluate whether the holder continues to be entitled to the case. For this purpose, the Department of Health, together with the National Council on Disability Affairs, shall establish the necessary guidelines in determining what constitutes permanent or temporary disability.

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SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, administrative order, and implementing rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.