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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **9467**



**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES RALPH WENDEL P. TULFO,
JOCELYN P. TULFO, AND ERWIN T. TULFO**

**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**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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, which was adopted to protect and promote the rights and welfare of individuals with disabilities, has contributed to access to various benefits and privileges of Persons with Disability (PWDs), including those related with PWD Identification Cards.

Currently, PWD Identification Cards issued to qualified individuals have a five-year validity period and must be renewed at least one month prior to expiration to continue receiving the benefits pertaining to their status.¹ However, the renewal process can cause unnecessary inconvenience to PWDs and their families or authorized representatives because of the time commitment required to go to the nearest Municipal or City Social Welfare Development Office to fill in the required forms and to pay renewal fees and charges, even if no changes have occurred with regard to their disability status.

Furthermore, in the case that an applicant has a non-apparent disability, he or she is required to obtain and submit a Certificate of Disability issued by a specialist or an appropriate physician. This proposed legislation intends to reduce this burden by ensuring that once an individual is certified as a PWD, his or her identification card remains valid for the remainder of his or her life.

This bill seeks to amend the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons to provide Persons with Disability (PWDs) Identification Cards with a lifetime validity. The rationale behind this proposition is embedded on the fact that many disabilities, such as long-term intellectual,

¹ "Issuance of Persons with Disabilities Identification Card Relative to Republic Acts 9442, 10754, 11215, 10747 - NCDA Administrative Order 001 - 2021." National Council on Disability Affairs, ncda.gov.ph/disability-laws/administrative-orders/ncda-administrative-order-no-001-series-of-2021/.

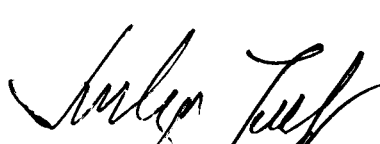
mental, physical, or sensory impairments, are permanent in nature.² Disabilities often remain throughout a person's life, and the challenges and needs associated with their disabilities do not weaken over time. By providing lifetime validity to PWD Identification Cards, the government seeks to integrate governmental procedures, minimize the burden on PWDs and relevant government agencies, and improve the overall quality of life for persons with disabilities.

By removing the need for revalidation of a person's PWD status, individuals with disabilities will have more consistent access to the benefits and privileges to which they are entitled to, including health insurances, express lanes to all commercial and government transactions, transportation and admission fee discounts, and educational assistance.³ Likewise, by ensuring the lifetime validity of the PWD Identification Cards, we intend to address and solve a practical concern shared by persons with disabilities and their families or authorized representatives. We commit ourselves to upholding the rights and well-being of PWDs and promoting a more inclusive and accessible society for all.

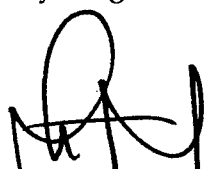
In view of the foregoing, the urgent passing of this bill is earnestly sought.



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² "Disability." Government Service Insurance System, [www.gsis.gov.ph/active-members/benefits/disability/#:~:text=Permanent%20Total%20Disability%20\(PTD\)%20%E2%80%93, resulting%20to%20loss%20of%20income](http://www.gsis.gov.ph/active-members/benefits/disability/#:~:text=Permanent%20Total%20Disability%20(PTD)%20%E2%80%93, resulting%20to%20loss%20of%20income).

³ "An Act Expanding The Benefits And Privileges Of Persons With Disability (PWD) - RA 10754." National Council on Disability Affairs, ncda.gov.ph/disability-laws/republic-acts/republic-act-no-10754-an-act-expanding-the-benefits-and-privileges-of-persons-with-disability-pwd/.

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

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

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5 “CHAPTER 8. Other Privileges and Incentives

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

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11 The above-mentioned privileges are available only to persons with disability
12 who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of
13 his/her entitlement thereto:

- 1 (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the
2 barangay captain of the place where the person with disability resides;
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4 (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or
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6 (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the
7 National Council ~~for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)~~ ON
8 DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA).
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10 THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT
11 DISABILITY AS PROVIDED IN (I) AND (II) OF THE PRECEDING
12 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE
13 HOLDER, AND MAY BE REPLACED IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE:
14 PROVIDED, THAT SUCH PERMANENT DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE
15 MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH OFFICE WHERE THE PWD RESIDES:
16 PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT
17 MEASURES TO ENSURE DISABUSE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD,
18 ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF THE DEATH OF THE HOLDER.
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20 ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO
21 PERSONS WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITY SHALL BE VALID FOR THREE
22 (3) YEARS AND MAY BE RENEWED THEREAFTER. THE PURPOSE OF
23 RENEWAL IS FOR THE ISSUING AUTHORITY TO RE-EVALUATE
24 WHETHER THE HOLDER CONTINUES TO BE ENTITLED TO THE CASE.
25 FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TOGETHER WITH
26 THE NCDA, SHALL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES FOR
27 DETERMINING WHAT CONSTITUTES A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
28 DISABILITY.
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1 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – To carry out the provisions of
2 this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs in consultation with the
3 Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department
4 of Social Welfare and Development, and other relevant government agencies and
5 stakeholders shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the
6 implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

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8 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, administrative order, and implementing rules and regulations contrary or
10 inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or
11 amended accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
15 general circulation.

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17 *Approved,*