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EXEMPTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) FROM PARKING FEES IN ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND PROVIDING EXEMPTION FROM THE NUMBER CODING SCHEME, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 32 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

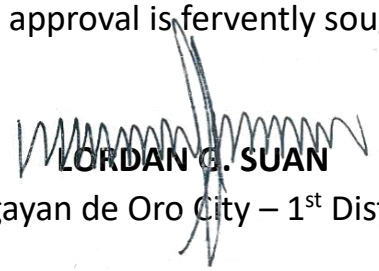
Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) face special challenges in their daily lives, especially when it comes to transportation. However, despite their conditions, PWDs actively contribute to the workforce, adding value to our economy with their skills and talents. They also play essential roles in shaping our culture and promoting social unity.

Empowering PWDs is not just the right thing to do; it's an investment in the strength and resilience of our society. While they strive to contribute to our economy, PWDs encounter challenges like financial distress and transportation difficulties, which are further complicated by their conditions.

This proposed legislation aims to tackle the unique challenges that Persons with Disabilities encounter in transportation and accessibility. By exempting PWDs from parking fees and the number coding scheme, we not only ease their financial burdens but also create an environment where inclusivity and accessibility take precedence. This exemption provides significant financial relief to individuals who often face higher healthcare and accessibility-related costs.

Moreover, it contributes to improved mental health and emotional well-being. By experiencing a sense of freedom and reduced anxiety, PWDs can enjoy enhanced overall psychological health. This legislative proposal is a step towards creating a more supportive and inclusive society, where everyone, regardless of their abilities, can thrive.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.



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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 *"Persons With Disability Number Coding and Parking Privileges Act."*

SECTION 2. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 10754 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability" is hereby further amended by inserting the following provisions after Subsection (e) to read as follows:

"SEC. 32. Persons With Disability shall be entitled to:

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(f) Exemption from payment of parking fees in all commercial establishments such as markets, shopping malls, shopping warehouses, hospitals, and other similar entities. This also applies to government establishments that levy parking fees.

(g) Exemption from the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program or Number Coding Scheme implemented by government agencies or local government units.

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SECTION 3. *Procedure and Qualification.* — In order to avail the additional privilege provided in this Act, the following shall be observed:

1. A Person With Disability must serve either as the driver or a passenger in the vehicle and should be capable of presenting any of the following:

    a. A PWD identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain of the place where the PWD resides;
    b. Identification Card issued by ' National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).

2. In the case of parking areas equipped with automated ticketing machines, the PWDs availing the free parking privilege must present their PWD ID to the parking attendant at the booth for validation of the documents upon entering or exiting the establishment.

3. Conditional upon parking slot availability, PWDs can exercise the additional benefit of complimentary parking on any slot, at any level if applicable, within the parking which is offered to the public on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. The parking privilege for PWDs shall only apply to the regular operating hours of the commercial or government establishment where the privilege is sought. The privilege herein granted shall not apply to overnight parking.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Relevant agencies in coordination with the stakeholders, covered establishments, and institutions shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this act within Thirty (30) days from promulgation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* — Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, in a newspaper of general circulation, or on a website provided for by law.

Approved,