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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2942**



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**Introduced by Representative Kathryn Joyce F. Gorriceta, M.D.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

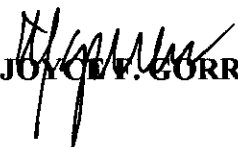
Persons with Disability (PWD) in the Philippines are considered as essential and vital parts of the community. Their contributions have been significant in our society and they actively support and participate in programs that have been beneficial to the general population.

As such, it is highly advisable that they have a PWD Center in every city and municipality in the country to have their own separate space where they can mingle, socialize, interact and generally feel safe and welcome. This center will also serve as a venue for their meetings in planning, organizing and implementing initiatives that correspond to their needs and goals.

It has been our aim as a nation to be thoroughly inclusive, thus, by providing them with a space to call their own, our PWDs would be further encouraged and motivated to pursue their objectives for their sector as well as receive support through this initiative.

This measure aims to provide the accommodation that the PWD sector needs in order to further solidify their worth and include them as part of our allies in building a better nation by providing better facilities.

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

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) CENTERS IN  
EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. *Short Title*** – This Act shall be known as the PWD Center Act of 2025.

**SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy*** – It shall be the policy of the State to uphold the constitutional right of the people for the protection of their life and property and the promotion of the general welfare.

**SECTION 3. *Establishment of PWD Centers***. There shall be an established PWD Center in every city and municipality in the country which shall provide as office and recreation area for registered PWDs in their respective city and municipality.

Existing structures that would meet the minimum requirements or could be upgraded to effectively serve as PWD Centers could be designated as such in compliance with the local government unit concerned.

**SECTION 4. *Requirements*** - The following shall be the minimum requirements for every PWD Center that will be established under this Act:

- a) **Location Designation-** Each location of the PWD Center shall be determined by their respective Local Government Unit (LGU).
- b) **Amenities and Accessibility-** Each PWD Center shall be well ventilated and shall have the capacity to accommodate PWDs.
  - 1. Toilet facilities designated for male and female with PWD Access
  - 2. Amenities to enable access thereto by Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
  - 3. An entrance ramp should be provided
  - 4. PWD Accessible Emergency exit doors should be included
  - 5. Other facilities as may be prescribed by appropriate authorities.

**SECTION 5. *Operation and Management***- The LGUs concerned shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision and management of PWD Centers established under this act.

**SECTION 6. *Appropriations***.- The amount necessary for the initial implementation to fund the construction and maintenance of PWD Centers shall be charged under the budget provided for this purpose under the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). Thereafter, such amounts necessary for the construction of PWD Centers shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The LGU concerned shall provide the continued maintenance, operation and management of the facility.

**SECTION 7. *Separability Clause***. Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and in effect.

**SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause***. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. *Effectivity***- This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,