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House Bill No. 3931



Introduced by Representative Reynante U. Arrogancia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect the rights of persons with disabilities and promote their welfare and development. Republic Act No 7277, as amended, provides for mandate the promotion of the welfare and rights of the persons with disabilities. In response to the evolving conditions in protecting the vulnerable sector in society, this bill seeks to further amend RA 7277, as amended, to include financial assistance to marginalized persons with disabilities and the protection of the benefits through the PWD Identification Card.

The World Health Organization has reported that 1 in 6 people have a disability. In the Philippines, the Philippine Statistics Authority cited the 2016 result of the National Disability Prevalence Survey (NDPS) stating that the disability prevalence in the Philippines is 12% in the population of 15 years of age and older. Disability presents a set of challenges to the persons with disabilities and their families. The challenges range from access to health care, education, and economic prospects. People with disabilities are in need of additional support to improve their mobility, access to learning institutions, and medical interventions. Marginalized Disabled Person as defined in RA 7277 lack access to rehabilitative services, with no means or livelihood or whose income fall below the poverty threshold. Providing financial assistance to marginalized disabled persons will assist them to access basic services.

Another recurring issue in the implementation of the law is the fraudulent use of inauthentic PWD ID Cards. It has been reported that the country has lost P88.2 billion worth of taxes in 2023 because of fake Persons with Disabilities ID. Furthermore, the DSWD has estimated that 8.5 million people are using fake PWD IDs and only 1.8 million are using legitimate PWD IDs. The staggering number of unwarranted discounts given to fake PWD ID holders have a long-term adverse impact in the business sector and the economy in the country. To address the critical issue of counterfeit person with disability identification card, this bill proposes to provide for PWD ID with security features, its period of validity and penal provisions for those who utilize fake PWD ID.

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


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY” AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 8, Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277 as amended by Republic Act
2 No. 9442, is further amended to read as follows:

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4 “Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

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8 “(L) A MONTHLY STIPEND AMOUNTING TO ONE THOUSAND PESOS
9 (P1000.00) TO AUGMENT THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE, MEDICAL AND OTHER
10 NEEDS FOR MARGINALIZED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS DEFINED IN
11 SECTION 4 (K) OF RA No. 7277: PROVIDED, THAT THE MARGINALIZED
12 PERSONS WITH DISABILITY WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF SIMILAR
13 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING
14 MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND UNDER THE
15 PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM, OR 4PS, SHALL NO
16 LONGER BE ENTITLED TO THIS STIPEND;

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18 (M) THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA),
19 SHALL PRESCRIBE A UNIFIED PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
20 IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT WILL CONTAIN SECURITY FEATURES TO
21 ENSURE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD TO BE
22 ISSUED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OR THE NCDA.

23 THE PWD ID SHALL BE VALID FOR TEN (10) YEARS AND THREE (3)
24 YEARS FOR PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AND TEMPORARY
25 DISABILITY, RESPECTIVELY SUBJECT TO RENEWAL AND WITHOUT
26 PREJUDICE TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 (A) (8) OF REPUBLIC ACT
27 NO. 10754. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) SHALL ISSUE THE
28 GUIDELINES AND LIST OF THE DISABILITY CATEGORIZED AS
29 PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY DISABILITY EVERY TEN (10) YEARS.”

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32 **SECTION 2.** Section 32 of Republic Act 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 10754, is
33 further amended to read as follows:

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

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(e) Provision of express lanes x x x

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The abovementioned privileges are available only to PWD who are Filipino citizens upon
42 submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

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(iii) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) by the ~~National Council
for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)~~ NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA).

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The privileges may not be claimed if the PWD claims a higher discount as may be granted
51 by the commercial establishment and/or under other existing laws or in combination with
52 other discount program/s.

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THE FOLLOWING ACTS SHALL BE PROHIBITED:

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**A. FOR A PERSON WITHOUT DISABILITIES TO FRAUDULENTLY
MISREPRESENT AS A PERSON WITH DISABILITY AND UTILIZE THE
PWD ID TO AVAIL OF THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED IN THIS ACT;**

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**B. TO ASSIST A PERSON WITHOUT DISABILITIES TO FRAUDULENTLY
OBTAIN A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES IDENTIFICATION CARD; OR**

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**C. FALSIFY OR FORGE A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
IDENTIFICATION CARD.**

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65 **SECTION 3.** Section 46 of Republic Act No. 7277 as amended by Republic Act No. 9442,
66 is further amended to read as follows:

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68 “Sec. 46. Penal Clause. – xxx xxx

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70 **(E) ANY PERSON WHO FALSIFIES OR FORGES A PERSON WITH**
71 **DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARD AS STATED IN THIS ACT SHALL**
72 **SUFFER THE PENALTY PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 171 OR ARTICLE 172**
73 **OF TITLE IV, BOOK II OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED.**

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77 **SECTION 4.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the
78 effectivity of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), in coordination
79 with Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Social
80 Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of
81 Health (DOH), and other relevant government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary
82 rules and regulations for its proper and effective implementation of this Act.

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84 **SECTION 5.** Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
85 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations of the DSWD of the year following
86 its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

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88 **SECTION 6.** Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
89 unconstitutional, the remaining provision hereof are not affected and shall remain in full
90 force and effect.

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92 **SECTION 7.** Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and
93 other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
94 amended, or modified accordingly.

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96 **SECTION 8.** Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
97 in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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99 *Approved,*