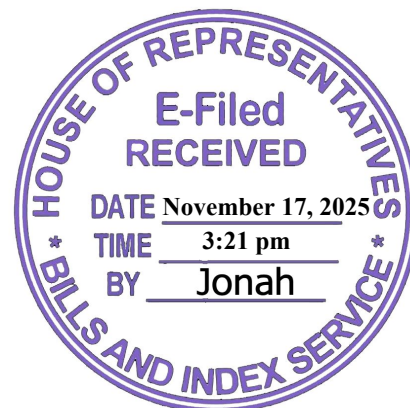


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to grant lifetime validity to the identification cards issued to Persons with Disability (PWD) with permanent disability, or who are elderly.

The current law provides that PWDs must undergo periodic renewal processes to obtain continuous access to the privileges and benefits afforded to them. This process often requires them to repeatedly acquire medical certificates and additional government documents, as well as navigate bureaucratic red-tape. For those living with permanent disabilities, impairments that are certified not to improve or change, this renewal process constitutes an unnecessary, repetitive and deeply burdensome hurdle. It expends the very limited time, financial resources and physical energy of individuals already confronted by significant life challenges. Granting lifetime validity for PWD IDs of those living with permanent disabilities shall serve as a meaningful form of recognition and compassion. Not only does it eliminate a source of administrative stress by adding an additional layer to the bureaucracy, it will also allow PWDs and their families to allocate their time and resources on their well-being and productivity.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THOSE WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY OR
ELDERLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY", AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known
2 as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability", is hereby 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 The abovementioned privileges are available only to PWDs who are Filipino
9 citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her
10 entitlement thereto:

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12 (i) **[An] THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY** identification card issued
13 by the city or municipal mayor of the barangay [captain] **CHAIR** of
14 the place where the PWD resides, **OR BY THE NATIONAL**
15 **COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS; OR**
16 (ii) The passport of the [PWD concerned; or] **PERSON WITH**
17 **DISABILITY WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY.**
18 (iii) ~~[Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the~~
19 ~~National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)]~~

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21 **PROVIDED, THAT THE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO**
22 **PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES SHALL BE FREE OF**
23 **CHARGE AND SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE**

24 **CARDHOLDER: *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT SUCH PERMANENT**
25 **DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH**
26 **OFFICE AND VERIFIED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE**
27 **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LSWDO).**

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29 **THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**
30 **(DSWD) SHALL ENSURE THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF THE**
31 **ID CARD OF PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES IS NOT**
32 **ABUSED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ID HOLDER DIES."**

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34 Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
35 declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or portions not affected thereby shall
36 remain in full force and effect.

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38 Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the
39 "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," as amended by Republic Act Nos. 9442,
40 10524 and 10754, and all other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules,
41 regulations, circulars or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this
42 Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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44 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
45 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official
46 Gazette.

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48 *Approved,*