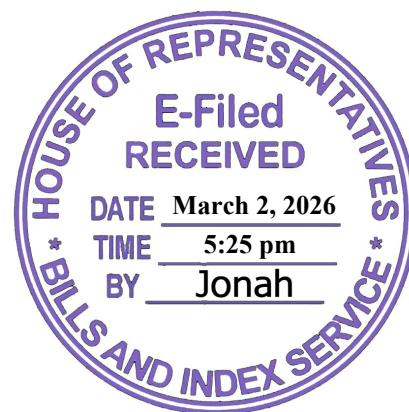


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8230



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish that identification cards (IDs) issued to persons with permanent disabilities shall have lifetime validity, while IDs for those with temporary disabilities shall be valid for five (5) years and be subject to renewal after medical reassessment. It also centralizes the issuance process through the Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAO) to ensure standardization across all local government units.

This measure recognizes the growing population of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and the systemic barriers they continue to face in accessing social services and economic opportunities. As of June 2025¹, the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) reported more than 2.5 Million registered PWDs in the Philippines who rely on accessible government programs and benefits. Streamlining the identification system is therefore essential in ensuring that eligible individuals can readily avail themselves of the support mechanisms provided by law.

The bill further aligns with the Philippines' commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which calls on State Parties to simplify administrative procedures to facilitate the full enjoyment of rights and privileges without undue hardship². Removing the cost of PWD ID issuance ensures that government assistance programs remain accessible to all qualified individuals regardless of financial capacity.

In addition, the measure also expands the eligibility of PWD IDs to include refugees and stateless persons. This ensures that the Philippines adheres to its international obligations regarding humanitarian protection while guaranteeing that the most vulnerable citizens of the country can access essential statutory benefits.

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


HON. ERIC G. YAP

¹ Cabalza, Dexter. Inquirer. 19 June 2025. *Registered PWDs in PH now at 2.5M.* <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2072065/registered-pwds-in-ph-now-at-2-5m>

² United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. 6 December 2006. *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.* https://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/convention/convention_accessible_pdf.pdf

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR VALIDITY PERIODS OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”, AS AMENDED, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

Section 1. Chapter 8, Section 32 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7277, otherwise known as the “*Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*”, as amended by RA No. 9442, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 32. Persons with [disability] **DISABILITIES** shall be entitled to the following:

X X X

The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with [disability] **PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY DISABILITIES** who are Filipino citizens, **REFUGEES, OR STATELESS PERSONS** upon submission of [any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:]

[**(I)**] An identification card issued by the [city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain] **PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) OR A DESIGNATED FOCAL PERSON PERFORMING PDAO FUNCTIONS, DULY SIGNED BY THE CITY OF MUNICIPAL MAYOR** of the place where the persons with [disability] **DISABILITIES** reside[s], **AS PROOF OF THEIR ENTITLEMENT THERETO.;**

(II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or

(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).]

THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS (IDs) ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SHALL CONFORM TO THE UNIVERSAL DESIGN PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA) AND ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

THE IDs ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES SHALL HAVE LIFETIME VALIDITY. CONVERSELY, THE IDs FOR PERSON WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITIES SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, AND MAY BE RENEWED ONLY UPON COMPLETION OF REASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY AN APPROPRIATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

THE IDs, AS PROVIDED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, SHALL BE FREE OF CHARGE, INCLUDING REISSUANCE DUE TO LOSS OR DAMAGE.”

SEC. 2. Section 46 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 46. Penal Clause. – x x x

(b) Any person who abuses the privileges granted [herein shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than six (6) months or a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00), but not more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the court.] **UNDER THIS ACT, INCLUDING:**

1. MISREPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES;

2. ASSISTING PERSONS WITHOUT DISABILITIES, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING A PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ID;

3. FORGING OR CREATING FAKE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IDs; OR

4. USING THE ID AFTER THE DEATH OF THE CARDHOLDER EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 32(a)(8) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10754,

SHALL BE PENALIZED WITH A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY THAT MAY BE INCURRED.

x x x”

SEC. 3. The NCDA and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall, in coordination with the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Professional Regulation Commission, and the Department of Information and Communications Technology, strengthen a unified and reliable database or registry of persons with disabilities, including a Community-Based Monitoring System.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the NCDA and the DSWD shall, in coordination with the DILG, the DOH, other government agencies and stakeholders, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,