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House Bill No. 8669



Introduced by Representative JEFFREY SORIANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to further amend Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," to provide for the lifetime validity of identification cards issued to persons with permanent disability.

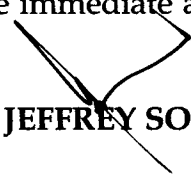
Republic Act No. 7277 recognizes the rights of persons with disability (PWDs) and ensures their access to opportunities, essential services, and statutory privileges. One of the primary means by which PWDs avail themselves of these benefits is through the presentation of a Persons with Disability Identification Card (PWD ID) issued by the local government. However, under current practice, many of these identification cards are issued with limited validity periods and must be renewed periodically, even for individuals whose disabilities are medically determined to be permanent.

For persons with permanent disabilities, repeated renewal requirements may impose unnecessary inconvenience and administrative burden due to procedures that can be particularly challenging for PWDs who already face mobility, accessibility, or health limitations.

This measure proposes that identification cards issued to persons with certified permanent disabilities be valid for the lifetime of the cardholder and issued free of charge, subject to certification by the municipal or city health office and verification by the Local Social Welfare Development Office.

By removing unnecessary renewal requirements, this measure seeks to simplify government processes while ensuring that persons with permanent disabilities are able to continuously enjoy the benefits and privileges granted to them under existing law.

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


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AN ACT

FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY," AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY

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

SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

x x x

The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens 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 of the place where the persons with disability resides; **OR**

(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)]

PROVIDED, THAT IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY SHALL BE FREE OF CHARGE AND SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE CARDHOLDER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT SUCH PERMANENT DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH OFFICE AND

VERIFIED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LSWDO).

PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, THE CARDHOLDER MAY RENEW HIS/HER IDENTIFICATION CARD.

x x x''

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days from approval of this Act, the NCDA, in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other relevant government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary in the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,