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House Bill No. 10296

Introduced by Representative Nelson S. Legacion
Third Congressional District, Camarines Sur

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability*," as amended, was enacted to safeguard, broaden, and reinforce the rights, privileges, and benefits granted to persons with disabilities (PWDs). To ensure full and unhindered access to these statutory privileges, the government issues the official Persons with Disability Identification Card (PWD ID).

Currently, pursuant to National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2021, the validity of the PWD ID is capped at five (5) years, after which all cardholders are required to undergo a renewal process. For PWDs with permanent, irreversible conditions, this requirement introduces significant and recurrent hardship. This process forces them to undergo repeated medical evaluations and administrative procedures that are often financially costly, logistically challenging, and physically burdensome. Forcing PWDs and their families to continually endure this inconvenience for conditions that will never change runs counter to the compassionate intent of the law.

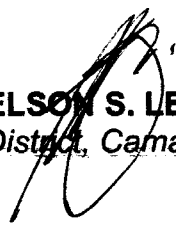
Living with a disability is a lifelong challenge. It is incumbent upon the State to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles and institute measures that alleviate, rather than compound, the difficulties faced by this vulnerable sector. Accordingly, this bill seeks to mandate the lifetime validity of identification cards issued to persons with permanent disabilities.

By removing the requirement for periodic renewals, this simple yet impactful measure relieves permanently disabled individuals from unnecessary administrative burdens while introducing necessary safeguards against potential system abuse.

This measure is a refiled version of the legislative initiatives introduced by Representatives Gus S. Tambunting and Lordan G. Suan during the Nineteenth

Congress, which successfully advanced and was approved on Second Reading by this august chamber.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 OR THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY," AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. *Lifetime Validity of PWD Identification Cards for Persons with Permanent Disability.* - Section 32 of the Republic Act No. 7277 or the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

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

- I. Any identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain of the place where the persons with disability resides;
- 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—(NDWDP)] **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS.**

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.

PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT STRICT MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS IS NOT ABUSED, ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENT OF THE CARDHOLDER'S DECEASE.

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SECTION 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 Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other relevant government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary in the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provision or part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions and parts hereof, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,