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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The dignity of persons with disabilities should include the right to be recognized without having to repeatedly prove their condition. In other words, a permanent disability does not become temporary simply because an identification card has an expiration date.

This proposed measure therefore seeks to grant lifetime validity to PWD identification cards issued to persons with permanent disabilities. This proposal recognizes that once the permanence of a disability has been properly established, repeated renewal only adds a burden to our brothers and sisters with disabilities.

Likewise, this proposed measure also distinguishes between permanent and temporary disabilities to ensure that PWD benefits remain available to those who qualify, while preventing abuse of PWD privileges.

Ultimately, this bill seeks to make the recognition of disability simpler, more accessible, and more humane. Behind every PWD identification card is a person who may already face challenges that require physical, mental, and emotional strength every day. It is now the responsibility of the State to ensure that its laws and systems do not add to these burdens but instead provide an effective support to our brothers and sisters with disabilities.

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


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AN ACT

**GRANTING LIFETIME VALIDITY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR
PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AND RATIONALIZING THE
VALIDITY PERIOD FOR TEMPORARY DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION
CARDS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED
PERSONS", AS AMENDED**

*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, otherwise known as the
"Magna Carta for Disabled Persons", as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, is
hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following: xxx

The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with
PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY disability who are Filipino citizens upon
submission of **AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE PERSONS
WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) OR A DESIGNATED
FOCAL PERSON PERFORMING PDAO FUNCTIONS, DULY SIGNED
BY THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF THE PLACE WHERE THE
PERSONS WITH**

1 DISABILITY RESIDE, AS PROOF OF THEIR ENTITLEMENT THERETO.

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

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

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

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16 **SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within one hundred eighty (180)
17 days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCDA and the Department of Social Welfare
18 and Development (DSWD) shall, in coordination with the Department of Interior and
19 Local Government (DILG), the Department of Health (DOH), and other government
20 agencies and stakeholders, issue the rules and regulations to implement the provisions
21 of this Act.

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23 **SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
24 unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
25 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

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27 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive
28 orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or any part thereof, inconsistent with
29 this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

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34 *Approved,*
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