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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Persons with disabilities should not be required to repeatedly renew their identification cards when their disabilities are permanent and irreversible. The periodic renewal of PWD identification cards creates unnecessary inconvenience, administrative burdens, and expenses for persons who are already living with permanent conditions.

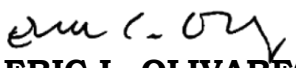
This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability,” by providing for the lifetime validity of PWD identification cards issued to persons with permanent disabilities.

Under the proposed measure, permanent disability shall be medically certified and appropriately verified, while the PWD identification card shall remain valid for the lifetime of the cardholder. Replacement shall remain available in cases of loss, damage, change in material information, or when the card becomes unusable, without requiring automatic re-certification of the permanent disability.

The measure likewise provides that existing PWD identification cards issued to persons with permanent disabilities shall be deemed lifetime-valid, subject to the applicable rules on replacement and verification.

By eliminating unnecessary periodic renewal while maintaining appropriate verification and registration safeguards, this measure seeks to make government services more accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of persons with permanent disabilities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage 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 4 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise
known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability is hereby amended
to read as follows:**

“SECTION 4. Definition of Terms: For purposes of this Act, these
terms are defined as follows:

x x x

(c) Disability shall mean (1) a physical or mental
impairment that substantially limits one or more
psychological, physiological, or anatomical functions of an
individual or activities of such individual; (2) a record of
such an impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such
an impairment;

(c-1) **Permanent disability** refers to a physical, mental,
intellectual, or sensory impairment that substantially limits
one or more psychological, physiological, or anatomical
functions of an individual or activities of such individual and
is medically determined to be irreversible, non-transitory, or
reasonably expected to continue for the lifetime of the
individual. The permanent nature of the disability shall be
certified by a licensed physician with appropriate
competence to determine such disability and verified by the
appropriate local government office, including the Persons
with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) or the Local Social
Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO), in accordance
with the standards and procedures prescribed by the
National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), in
coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and the
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). x x
x”

**SECTION 2. Section 32 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby
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 person with disability resides; **OR**

(II) The passport of the person with disability concerned; of

~~[(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 REMAIN VALID FOR THE LIFETIME OF THE CARDHOLDER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE PERMANENT NATURE OF THE DISABILITY SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND VERIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA), IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD).

PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE OF LOSS, DAMAGE, CHANGE IN NAME, ADDRESS, PHOTOGRAPH, OR OTHER MATERIAL INFORMATION APPEARING ON THE IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR WHEN THE CARD BECOMES UNUSABLE, THE CARDHOLDER MAY REQUEST THE REPLACEMENT OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD. SUCH REPLACEMENT SHALL NOT, BY ITSELF, REQUIRE RE-CERTIFICATION OF THE PERMANENT NATURE OF THE DISABILITY, EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY, AUTHENTICITY, OR CONTINUING VALIDITY OF THE CARDHOLDER'S PWD REGISTRATION.

PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT EXISTING IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT TO PERSONS WHOSE DISABILITIES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE PERMANENT SHALL BE DEEMED VALID FOR THE LIFETIME OF THE CARDHOLDER, SUBJECT TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL CARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF

THE IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE, VERIFICATION, AND UPDATING OF THE PWD REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.”

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCDA, in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAOs), Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs), National Privacy Commission (NPC), and other relevant government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.