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Quezon City



NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1433

Submitted by the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities on February 6, 2025

Re : House Bill No. 11452

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 10077.

Sponsors: Representatives Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva and Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug.

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities to which was referred **House Bill No. 10077**, introduced by Rep. Eduardo “Bro Eddie” C. Villanueva, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE PERSONS
WITH DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY”**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 11452,
entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF
AWARENESS FOR PERSONS WITH DOWN SYNDROME”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 10077 with Representatives Eduardo “Bro Eddie” C. Villanueva, Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug, Laarni Lavin Roque, Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, Jose Maria R. Zubiri, Jr., Erwin T. Tulfo, Edvic G. Yap, Mark O. Go, Marie Bernadette G. Escudero and Loreto S. Amante, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



HON. ALFELITO “ALFEL” M. BASCUG
Chairperson
Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities

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HOUSE BILL NO. 11452
(In substitution of House Bill No. 10077)

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AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF
AWARENESS FOR PERSONS WITH DOWN SYNDROME

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “*National Day of Awareness for Persons*
2 *with Down Syndrome Act*”.

3 **SEC. 2.** It is the policy of the State to prioritize the welfare of the underprivileged, the
4 sick, the elderly, persons with disabilities, women, and children, as enshrined in Article XIII,
5 Section 11 of the Philippine Constitution. Additionally, the Republic of the Philippines
6 reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of
7 the Child, which recognizes the right of children with disabilities to special care, education,
8 and training to help them achieve dignified and self-reliant lives while fostering their social
9 integration.

10 The State acknowledges the importance of raising awareness about Down syndrome to
11 eliminate societal barriers, promote inclusivity, and foster a supportive environment for
12 individuals with Down syndrome. To this end, the State shall take appropriate measures to
13 uphold their rights to equal opportunities and protection from discrimination, harassment, and
14 violence.

15 **SEC. 3.** February 6 of every year is hereby declared as the “*National Day of*
16 *Awareness for Persons with Down Syndrome*”. This annual observance aims to:

- 17 1. Enhance public understanding of Down syndrome, including its causes, challenges,
18 and the potential of individuals with the condition;
- 19 2. Promote the rights, dignity, and well-being of persons with Down syndrome; and

1 3. Encourage inclusivity and respect for diversity within communities, schools,
2 workplaces, and other sectors of society.

3 **SEC. 4.** The Department of Health shall, in collaboration with the Department of
4 Education, the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Social Welfare and
5 Development, and other relevant government agencies and non-governmental organizations,
6 lead the implementation of programs and activities in observance of the “*National Day of*
7 *Awareness for Persons with Down Syndrome*”.

8 **SEC. 5.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations,
9 ordinances, other issuances or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the
10 provisions of this Act are deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
12 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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Committee Affairs Department
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FACT SHEET

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Committee Referral: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Committee Chairperson: REPRESENTATIVE ALFELITO “ALFEL” M. BASCUG

OBJECTIVES:

- **To celebrate the lives of individuals with Down Syndrome:** It shines a light on their unique experiences and contributions.
- **To foster public understanding:** Promotes awareness, dispels myths, reduces stigma, and promotes acceptance.
- **To promote inclusivity:** It encourages a society where every person, regardless of their challenges, is treated with dignity and given opportunities to thrive.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides that this Act shall be known as the “*National Day of Awareness for Persons with Down Syndrome Act*”;
- Declares February 6 of every year as the *National Day of Awareness for Persons with Down Syndrome* for the purpose of spreading public awareness on the plight of people with down syndrome and promoting inclusivity and acceptance of the down syndrome community; and
- Directs the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and other relevant government agencies and non-governmental organizations to lead the implementation of programs and activities in observance of the “National Day of Awareness for Persons with Down Syndrome”.

RELATED LAW:

- Proclamation No. 157, s. 2002, entitled: “*Declaring the Month of February as “National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month”*”