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**SENATE** P.S. Res. No. **791** 

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Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

## RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT AND VALIDATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE REPORTED LOW AWARENESS AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) IN SOME LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) WITH THE END GOAL OF FORMULATING MEASURES AND POLICIES TO MONITOR AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SAID LAWS

- **WHEREAS**, Section 1 of R.A. No. 10070, otherwise known as "An Act Establishing Institutional Mechanism to Ensure the Implementation of Programs and Services for Persons with Disabilities in Every Province, City and Municipality, Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as Amended, and for Other Purposes", among others, provides that:
  - Local government units (LGUs) shall promote the establishment of organizations of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in their respective territorial jurisdictions;
  - LGUs shall organize and establish Persons with Disability Affairs
    Office (PDAO);
  - c. LGUs shall formulate and implement policies, plans and programs for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs in coordination with concerned national and local government agencies; and

d. LGUs shall ensure that the policies, plans and programs for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs are funded by both the national and local government;

**WHEREAS**, according to a study by the Center for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG), majority of LGUs have shown to have low awareness and compliance to the provisions of R.A. No. 10070;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. No. 7277 or the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons" seeks to give "full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society" and mandates that "the rehabilitation of the disabled persons shall be the concern of the Government in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life";

**WHEREAS**, the State shall give life and application to the laws it enact for the latter's spirit and goals to be actualized in reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development and Local Government to conduct an assessment and validation, in aid of legislation, anent the reported low awareness and non-compliance with laws on Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in some local government units (LGUs) with the end goal of formulating measures and policies to monitor and ensure compliance with said laws;

Adopted.

GRACE POE