



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2810

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BY REPRESENTATIVES DY (C.), TULAGAN, FIGUEROA AND OLAÑO

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AN ACT CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended

2 to read as follows:

3                   “SEC. 40. *Role of National Agencies and Local Government*

4           *Units.* –

5                   (A) Local government units shall promote the establishment

6 of organizations of [disabled persons] **PERSONS WITH**

7 **DISABILITIES (PWDS)** in their respective territorial jurisdictions.

1 National agencies and local government units may enter into joint  
2 ventures with organizations or associations of [disabled persons]  
3 PWDs to explore livelihood opportunities and other undertakings  
4 that shall enhance [the] THEIR health, physical fitness and [the]  
5 THEIR economic and social well-being [of disabled persons].

6 (B) IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE THAT THE AGENCIES  
8 CONCERNED SHALL EXTEND THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THIS  
9 ACT TO PWDs BY CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
10 AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND  
11 MUNICIPALITY: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE LOCAL*  
12 *GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED LACKS SUFFICIENT BUDGET*  
13 *FOR THE PURPOSE, THE SERVICES TO BE EXTENDED BY THE*  
14 *PDAO SHALL BE DELEGATED TO AN EXISTING OFFICE.”*

15 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive  
16 orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
17 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

18 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
19 its publication in two newspapers of general circulation or in the *Official*  
20 *Gazette*, whichever comes first.

Approved,