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AN ACT GRANTING OTHER PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES TO  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS"

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

1           SECTION 1. A new chapter, to be denominated as "CHAPTER 8 –  
2 Other Privileges and Incentives" is hereby added to Title Two of Republic Act  
3 No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons", with  
4 new Sections 32, 33, 34 and 35 to read as follows:

5                           **"CHAPTER 8 – OTHER PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES**

6                           **SEC. 32. PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SHALL BE**  
7                           **ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

8                           **A) THE GRANT OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT**  
9                           **FROM ALL ESTABLISHMENTS RELATIVE TO THE UTILIZATION**  
10                          **OF SERVICES IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR LODGING**  
11                          **ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND RECREATION CENTERS,**

1 AND PURCHASE OF MEDICINES IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR  
2 THE EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
3 DISABILITY: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL  
4 REVENUE SHALL ALLOW THESE PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS TO  
5 DEDUCT FROM THEIR TAXABLE INCOME THE COST OF THE  
6 SAID TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT;

7 B) A MINIMUM OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT  
8 ON ADMISSION FEES CHARGED BY THEATERS, CINEMA HOUSES  
9 AND CONCERT HALLS, CIRCUSES, CARNIVALS AND OTHER  
10 SIMILAR PLACES OF CULTURE, LEISURE AND AMUSEMENT FOR  
11 THE EXCLUSIVE USE OR ENJOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
12 DISABILITY;

13 C) EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL  
14 INCOME TAXES: *PROVIDED*, THAT THEIR ANNUAL TAXABLE  
15 INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE POVERTY LEVEL AS  
16 DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND  
17 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) FOR THAT YEAR;

18 D) FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES,  
19 DIAGNOSTIC AND LABORATORY FEES SUCH AS, BUT NOT  
20 LIMITED TO, X-RAYS AND BLOOD TESTS IN ALL GOVERNMENT  
21 FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED BY  
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), IN COORDINATION  
23 WITH THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION  
24 (PHILHEALTH);

25 E) THE GRANT OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT  
26 ON MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES INCLUDING DIAGNOSTIC  
27 AND LABORATORY FEES, AND PROFESSIONAL FEES OF  
28 ATTENDING DOCTORS IN ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND  
29 MEDICAL FACILITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND

1           REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE DOH, IN COORDINATION  
2           WITH THE PHILHEALTH;

3           F) THE GRANT OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT  
4           IN FARE FOR DOMESTIC AIR AND SEA TRAVEL FOR THE  
5           EXCLUSIVE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
6           DISABILITY;

7           G) THE GRANT OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT  
8           IN PUBLIC RAILWAYS, SKYWAYS AND BUS FARE FOR THE  
9           EXCLUSIVE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
10          DISABILITY;

11          H) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH  
12          DISABILITY, FOR THEM TO PURSUE PRIMARY, SECONDARY,  
13          TERTIARY, POST TERTIARY, AS WELL AS VOCATIONAL OR  
14          TECHNICAL EDUCATION, IN BOTH<sup>e</sup> PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
15          SCHOOLS, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS,  
16          GRANTS, FINANCIAL AIDS, SUBSIDIES AND OTHER INCENTIVES  
17          TO QUALIFIED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, INCLUDING  
18          SUPPORT FOR BOOKS, LEARNING MATERIALS AND UNIFORM  
19          ALLOWANCE TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE: *PROVIDED*, THAT  
20          PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SHALL MEET MINIMUM ADMISSION  
21          REQUIREMENTS;

22          I) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND FEASIBLE, THE  
23          CONTINUANCE OF THE SAME BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES GIVEN  
24          BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS),  
25          THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) AND THE PAG-IBIG,  
26          AS THE CASE MAY BE, AS ARE PRESENTLY BEING ENJOYED BY  
27          THEM;

28          J) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT MAY  
29          GRANT SPECIAL DISCOUNTS IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR

1 PERSONS WITH DISABILITY ON THE PURCHASE OF BASIC  
2 COMMODITIES, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED  
3 FOR THE PURPOSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND  
4 INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
5 (DA); AND

6 K) PROVISION OF EXPRESS LANES FOR PERSONS WITH  
7 DISABILITY IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT  
8 ESTABLISHMENTS; IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF, PRIORITY  
9 SHALL BE GIVEN TO THEM.”

10 “SEC. 33. *INCENTIVES*. – THOSE CARING FOR AND  
11 LIVING WITH THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SHALL BE  
12 GRANTED THE FOLLOWING INCENTIVES:

13 A) A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER CARING FOR A  
14 PERSON WITH DISABILITY SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS HEAD OF  
15 THE FAMILY FOR PURPOSES OF PERSONAL EXEMPTION UNDER  
16 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL  
17 REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED;

18 B) NONSTOCK OR NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS  
19 ESTABLISHING HOMES, RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES OR  
20 RETIREMENT VILLAGES WHICH ARE CONSTRUCTED SOLELY  
21 TO SUIT THE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PERSONS WITH  
22 DISABILITY SHALL BE ACCORDED THE FOLLOWING:

23 1) REALTY TAX HOLIDAY FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS  
24 OF OPERATION; AND

25 2) PRIORITY IN THE BUILDING AND/OR MAINTENANCE  
26 OF PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL ROADS LEADING TO THE  
27 AFORESAID HOME, RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY OR  
28 RETIREMENT VILAGE.”

1           **“SEC. 34. VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS**  
2           **CHAPTER BY ANY ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE A GROUND FOR**  
3           **THE REVOCATION OF ITS LICENSE TO OPERATE, ASIDE FROM**  
4           **THE OTHER PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED IN THIS ACT.”**

5           **“SEC. 35. THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**  
6           **AND DEVELOPMENT, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE**  
7           **WELFARE OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THE BUREAU OF**  
8           **INTERNAL REVENUE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**  
9           **CONCERNED SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES AND OTHER**  
10          **AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS, ARE**  
11          **MANDATED TO FORMULATE THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND**  
12          **REGULATIONS PERTINENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS**  
13          **CHAPTER.”**

14          The succeeding sections of this Act are hereby renumbered accordingly.

15          SEC. 2. The title of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended to read  
16 as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability”, and all references on the said  
17 law to “disabled persons” shall likewise be amended to read as “persons with  
18 disability”.

19          SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
20 in any two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,