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Introduced by Senator
SONNY ANGARA

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THOSE WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY OR
ELDERLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY," AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2008, a Person With Disability Identification Card (PWD-IDC), which serves as the Standard National Identification Card for PWDs, shall be the basis for the entitlement of the privileges provided for under the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, as amended. Such privileges include discounts and VAT exemption for transportation fare, medicines, and medical services.

Currently, the NCDA A.O. No. 001 requires all PWDs to go through the tedious process of renewing their PWD-IDCs every three (3) years. This poses a challenge to PWDs with permanent disabilities or elderly PWDs since many of them have issues with mobility and/or access to renewing offices. Furthermore, even with Batasang Pambansa Blg. 344 or the Accessibility Law, as mandated by Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, many government offices and facilities are still noncompliant.

In fact, just this year, a sentiment of a PWD with mobility issues who was forced to take the stairs in an LRT station became viral on social media. And while DOTr acknowledged this problem and promised to make train stations more PWD friendly, this challenge continues to persist not only in our transportation system but in many

of our country's infrastructure. In addition, in 2021, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) reported that only 43% of LGUs have Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAOs).

Hence, this bill seeks to provide additional relief to the sector by granting lifetime validity to the PWD-IDCs of a) PWDs with permanent disabilities or b) PWDs who are also senior citizens issued by the following offices:

- a) Office of Persons with Disability Affairs or the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of the place where the PWD resides; or
- b) National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)

Relieving them with the nuisance of renewing their ID cards will allow them to focus instead on living independently and equally with the rest of the community while enjoying the benefits accorded to them. Therefore, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise
2 known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," is hereby further amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

5 "x x x

6 "The abovementioned privileges are available only to PWD who are
7 Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of
8 his/her entitlement thereto:

9 "(I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or
10 the barangay captain of the place where the PWD resides;

11 "(II) The passport of the PWD concerned; or

12 "(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by
13 the [~~National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)]~~

14 **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA).**

15 **"PROVIDED, THAT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AS**
16 **MENTIONED IN (I) AND (III) OF THE PRECEDING**
17 **PARAGRAPH, ISSUED TO A PWD WHO HAS A PERMANENT**

1 **DISABILITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE NCDA, OR WHO IS AT**
2 **LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD SHALL BE VALID DURING THE**
3 **LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER: *PROVIDED*, FURTHER, THAT THE**
4 **NCDA, IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT**
5 **STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL ISSUE A LIST OF DISABILITIES**
6 **CONSIDERED AS PERMANENT FOR THIS PURPOSE WITHIN**
7 **SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT:**
8 ***PROVIDED*, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE OF LOSS OR**
9 **DAMAGE, THE HOLDER MAY RENEW HIS/HER**
10 **IDENTIFICATION CARD; *PROVIDED*, FINALLY THAT THE**
11 **ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO**
12 **ENSURE THE PROPER USE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD**
13 **ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF THE ID HOLDER'S DEATH.**

14 "x x x."

15 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Social
16 Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the National Council on Disability Affairs
17 (NCDA), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of
18 Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other concerned government agencies,
19 shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60)
20 days upon the effectivity of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
22 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in
23 full force and effect.

24 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
25 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act
26 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

27 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
28 its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general
29 circulation.

Approved,