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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH  
DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR  
DISABLED PERSONS, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9442 AND  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10524**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippines, persons with disabilities (PWDs) represent at least twelve percent (12%) of the adult population. They are among the vulnerable groups that needed the utmost attention from the government. To empower and curve a brighter path for persons with disability, they must be given equal opportunities and adequate assistance and protection. That said, identification cards for PWDs' are mandated in order for them to have the benefit of such rights and services.

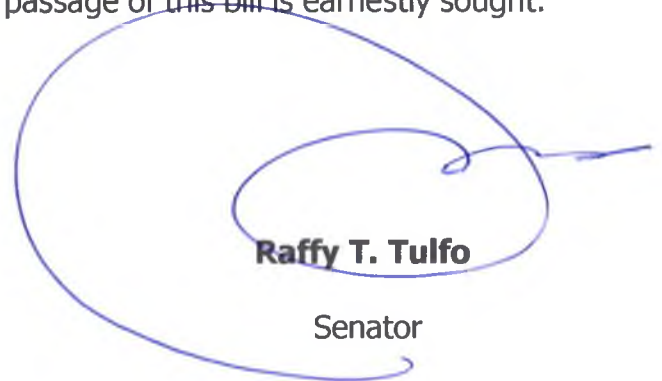
The Identification Cards (IDs) issued to persons with disability (PWDs) has a validity of 3 years for the time being. This bill proposes that the validity of the PWD IDs shall be dependent on the nature of one's disability. Specifically, this bill seeks to give persons with permanent disabilities the lifetime entitlement of the IDs issued to them; while IDs issued to persons with temporary disabilities shall be valid for three (3) years.

It bears stressing that the purpose of the renewal is for the re-evaluation of the PWDs' entitlement to the benefits pertaining to their disability status. This does not apply to persons with a permanent disability. Thus, this bill aims to minimize, if

not totally eliminate, the unnecessary burden on persons with permanent disabilities of renewing their PWD IDs every three (3) years.

The access of the PWDs to the benefits and privileges granted by law should not be hindered by bureaucratic procedures that serve no other purpose but to further burden a marginalized sector of society.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

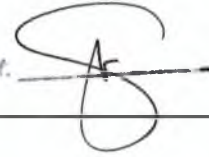


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for  
2 Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and Republic Act No. 10524,  
3 Chapter 8, Section 32, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

5 xxx xxx xxx

6 The above-mentioned privileges are available only to persons with disability  
7 who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of  
8 his/her entitlement thereto:

9 An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the Barangay  
10 captain of the place where the persons with disability reside;

11 The passport of the persons with disability concerned, or Transportation  
12 discount fare identification card (ID) issued by the National Council for the  
13 Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

1           The Identification Cards (IDs) issued to persons with permanent disability as  
2           provided in (I) and (II) of the preceding paragraph shall be valid during the  
3           lifetime of the holder, and may be replaced in case of loss or damage. On the  
4           other hand, the ID cards issued to persons with temporary disabilities shall be  
5           valid for three (3) years and may be renewed thereafter. The purpose of  
6           renewal is for the issuing authority to re-evaluate whether the holder continues  
7           to be entitled to the case. For this purpose, the Department of Health, together  
8           with the National Council on Disability Affairs, shall establish the necessary  
9           guidelines for determining what constitutes a permanent or temporary  
10          disability.

11                           xxx    xxx    xxx

12           Sec 2. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
13          order, administrative order, and implementing rules and regulations contrary or  
14          inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
15          accordingly.

16           Sec 3. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
17          publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
18          circulation.

*Approved,*