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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*," was enacted as a testament of the government's support for the total well-being of persons with disability (PWDs). Later, the said law was amended by Republic Act No. 9442 which has provided PWDs additional privileges and incentives. Further, by virtue of said amendment, the law is now known as the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability*."

PWDs who are self-employed must be commended for their sheer determination to rise above their own limitations. Thus, the government must recognize the efforts of PWDs to attain more meaningful, productive and satisfying lives.

One way of recognition is to encourage PWDs who are self-employed to become members of the Social Security System (SSS) by granting them a seventy percent (70%) subsidy for their monthly premium contributions for the first three months of coverage.

Having social security coverage, PWDs would be better prepared to handle the exigencies of sickness and old age.

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


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GRANTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) WHO ARE SELF-EMPLOYED A SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR THEIR MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF COVERAGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY."

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

SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

a) xxx

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(i) To the extent practicable and feasible, the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), and PAG-IBIG, as the case may be, as are enjoyed by those in actual service[:]; *PROVIDED, THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITY WHO ARE SELF-EMPLOYED SHALL, UPON REGISTRATION WITH THE SSS, BE ENTITLED TO A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY EQUIVALENT TO SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF COVERAGE.*

j) xxx

k) xxx

The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

l) xxx

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(IV) *CERTIFICATION THAT HE OR SHE IS A SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON WITH DISABILITY FROM THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHERE THE PERSON WITH DISABILITY RESIDES.*"

SEC. 2. Within three (3) months after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development shall, in coordination with the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, formulate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development which shall be sourced from one percent (1%) of the Priority Development Assistance Fund of Members of the Senate and House of Representatives from the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,