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SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1586

Introduced by Congressman Alfredo D. Vargas III


EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons provides benefits, privileges and incentives, including discounts, for persons with disabilities (PWDs). However, these can only be availed upon showing the respective PWD ID card to the establishment.

The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), through Administrative Order Series of 2008, laid down the comprehensive, albeit tedious, process of getting a PWD ID card which include the submission of an application form and clinical abstract, followed by the mandatory screening of application by the City or Municipal Health Office, the City or Municipal Social Welfare Office, and by the NCDA. Then, the issued PWD ID card shall be valid for three years only. This is to allow the issuing office, in cases of temporary disability of the applicant, to re-evaluate the health of the ID holder and determine whether the PWD continues to be entitled to the benefits provided by the law.

This proposed legislation seeks the lifetime validity of the IDs issued to persons with **permanent** disability so that they will no longer be burdened by renewing their IDs every three years.

To ensure that persons with permanent disability can continuously avail their benefits, privileges, and incentives, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9442

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Disabled Persons, Chapter 8, Section 32, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following...

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

- (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain of the place where the person with disability resides;
- (II) The passport of the person with disability concerned; or
- (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AS PROVIDED IN (I) AND (III) OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID DURING THEIR LIFETIME, AND MAY BE RENEWED IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or

inconsistent with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,