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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132



A RESOLUTION URGING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO CONDUCT AN ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT OF ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs) PURSUANT TO BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 344

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED VARGAS

WHEREAS, Article II Section 10 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that: The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development;”

WHEREAS, the State should not discriminate against Persons with Disabilities and it should take concrete steps to create an enabling environment so that Persons with Disabilities can enjoy real equality in the society;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended in 2007 by RA No. 9442, affirms the government's commitment to the full participation and total integration of Persons with Disabilities into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, Persons with Disabilities, such as mentally challenged, chronically ill, impaired visual, speech and hearing, orthopedically handicapped, among others, comprise a considerable segment of the population. They have to deal with everyday difficulties in terms of major life activities that include walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks, and caring for oneself;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Bilang 344, otherwise known as An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons by Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutions, Establishments and Public Utilities to Install Facilities and Other Devices, should be duly implemented in all public buildings and infrastructures.

WHEREAS, it is the State's duty to ensure accessibility for Persons with Disabilities once they leave the comfort of their homes. Through the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the government can mandate and has the authority to conduct audit and inspection in places of public accommodation such as commercial establishments, work spaces, and other facilities, with the help and implementation of local government units;

WHEREAS, facilities and establishments, in turn, shall abide by the law in providing easy and accessible entry and exit points for the Persons with Disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in the House of Representatives to further the cause of providing friendly and decent access for the Persons with Disabilities.


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