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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The approval of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, marked the country's urge for putting forward the rights of persons with disabilities in the country. This law perceived the need to stress the importance of their self-development and self-reliance.

In 2004, the World Health Organization estimated that there are around 8.4 million persons with disabilities in the country, which is about 1 for every 10 Filipinos<sup>1</sup>. With this figure, it is but an imperative to propose a legislation that yields more of the similar objectives the R.A. 7277 has set forth.

This bill puts the local government units in the forefront to ensure that concerned agencies extend necessary service to persons with disabilities through the establishment an office exclusively for them. This bill specifically provides for the establishment of an affairs office for persons with disabilities in every province, city and municipality in the country.

Supporting a further-improved welfare of persons with disabilities and their integration into the mainstream of society, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV**  
Senator

<sup>1</sup> Data retrieved at [doh.gov.ph/pwd2/THE%20PRDP%20Presentation%20-%20Introduction.ppt](http://doh.gov.ph/pwd2/THE%20PRDP%20Presentation%20-%20Introduction.ppt) on 17 March 2009

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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2                   "SEC. 40. Role of National Agencies and Local Government Units. –

3                   "(A) Local government units shall promote the establishment of organizations of  
4           [disabled persons] PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) in their respective  
5           territorial jurisdictions.

6           National agencies and local government units may enter into joint ventures with  
7           organizations or associations of [disabled persons] PWDS to explore livelihood  
8           opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance the health, physical fitness and  
9           the economic and social well-being of [disabled persons] PWDS.

10                   "(B) IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
11           UNITS (LGUS) TO ENSURE THAT THE AGENCIES CONCERNED SHALL  
12           EXTEND THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO PWDS BY CREATING  
13           THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN EVERY  
14           PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY.

1           “(C) A SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN  
2           THE LGUS AND BUSINESSES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS,  
3           NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTNERS IS  
4           HEREBY CREATED TO ENSURE THE MAINSTREAMING OF PWDS INTO  
5           SOCIETY.”

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7           **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall at any time be found to  
8           be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by such declaration shall  
9           remain in full force and effect.

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11           **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent with the  
12           provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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14           **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
15           its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,