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**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF**  
**INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The promotion and protection of the right to health among Filipinos is a policy of the State and guaranteed under our Constitution. Thus, the government is mandated to enhance and intensify its programs concerning health and health care in the pursuit of this policy.

Near fatal injuries resulting from accidents and in some cases from violence require immediate emergency response. With that, a victim's identity and other information is imperative which can only be obtained from his or her identification card. Normally, identification cards particularly those issued by the government usually contain the name, address, person to be notified and other relevant information of the cardholder. Most often, the blood type is not included.

In cases where the cardholder figures in an accident or violence that resulted in a heavy loss of blood, survival will depend, aside from other medical treatment, on blood transfusion. As such, immediate identification of the person's blood type is very important for his or her survival.

Thus, the proposed measure seeks to prevent any delay in blood transfusion by requiring government offices to include in their identification cards information on the holder's blood type.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Blood Type Identification*  
2 *Act of 2016*".

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and  
4 promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among  
5 them. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures that would ensure the  
6 safety of lives during disasters and medical emergency situations.

7 SEC. 3. *Blood Type Identification.* – All government agencies shall indicate  
8 the blood type of the individual applying for an identification card, certificate or  
9 license. For the purpose of this act, an individual's blood type must be duly certified  
10 by a pathologist.

11 SEC. 4. *Coverage.* – The following government-issued identification  
12 documents shall bear the blood type of its owner-holder, to wit:

13 (a) Identification card as issued by the Social Security System (SSS), the  
14 Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Home Development  
15 Mutual Fund (HMDF) or Pag-Ibig, the Philippine Health Corporation  
16 (Philhealth), passport by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the  
17 professional identification card by the Professional Regulation  
18 Commission (PRC), and such other identification documents in the same  
19 classification as enumerated above.

20 (b) Birth certificate as issued by the Local Registrar's Office or the National  
21 Statistics Office (NSO);

1 (c) Driver's license as issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and  
2 firearms license by the Philippine National Police (PNP); and

3 (d) Such other certificates, licenses or identification documents that have yet  
4 to be issued by agencies to be created after the effectivity of this Act.

5 SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of  
6 this Act shall be charged to the appropriations or the corporate funds of the  
7 implementing agencies or government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs),  
8 as the case may be.

9 SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health, in  
10 coordination with all concerned implementing government agencies or GOCCs, shall  
11 formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act  
12 within three (6) months from its effectivity.

13 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – In the event that any provision of this Act is  
14 declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by  
15 such declaration.

16 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations  
17 and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this  
18 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

19 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
20 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general  
21 circulation.

22 Approved,