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S. BILL NO. 1375

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE RALPH G. RECTO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation shall be known as "An Act creating the persons with disabilities affairs office in every province in every province, city and municipality, amending section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277.

This proposal not only seeks to integrate persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society through the creation of a Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) in every province, city and municipality, but also aims to enhance to the fullest the capabilities and potentials of persons with disabilities (PWDs) giving them equal opportunity and promote their welfare.

Hence, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. - section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended to

2 read as follows:

3 "SECTION 40. *Role of National Agencies and Local Government*

4 *Units.* - (A) Local government units shall promote the

5 establishment of organizations of [disabled persons] **PERSONS WITH**

6 **DISABILITIES (PWDs)** in their respective territorial jurisdictions.

7 National agencies and local government units may enter into joint ventures

8 with organizations or associations of [disabled persons] **PWDs** to explore

9 livelihood opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance [the]

10 **THEIR** health, physical fitness and [the] economic [and] social well-

11 being.

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13 (B) **IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF**

14 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE THAT THE**

15 **AGENCIES CONCERNED SHALL EXTEND THE SERVICES**

1 **PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO PWDs BY CREATING THE**
2 **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN**
3 **EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY.”**

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5 **Section 2. Repealing Clause** – All laws, Presidential Decrees,
6 Executive Orders, Proclamations and/or Administrative Regulations, which are
7 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified,
8 superseded or repealed accordingly.

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10 **Section 3. Effectivity Clause** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
11 days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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13 Approved.