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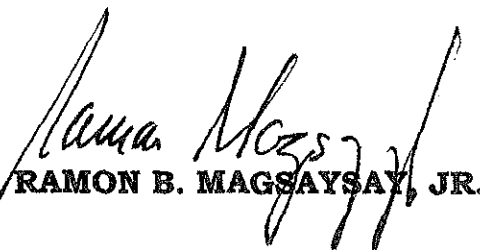
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant disabled persons the right to live free from verbal and non-verbal ridicule and vilification in any form from any individual, group of persons, or community.

Every man in this world is free to live without the burdens of ridicule, contempt, and discrimination. It is a common prerogative. Disabled persons, comprising one of the most marginalized groups in our society, are the most sensitive and susceptible with regards to this. Having to live with the cumber of physical, mental, or psychological impairments, they should be given security that they, like every man in this world should have, would be protected from these malignant acts to further preserve and augment their morale and self-esteem.

With all of this provisions and laws, Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, has served its purpose to uphold the welfare of the disable. They now enjoy various benefits and privileges. However, there are still policies to be done that will further ensure their well-being against the criticizing public.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
GRANTING DISABLE PERSONS THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM
VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL RIDICULE AND VILIFICATION,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER
SEVENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act Number Seventy-two Hundred and
Seventy-Seven is hereby amended by inserting a new title, chapter, and
section after Section 38 to be denominated as Title 4, Chapter 1 and 2
and Sections 39, 40, 41 and 42 to read as follows:

TITLE FOUR
PROHIBITIONS ON VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL RIDICULE
AND VILIFICATION AGAINST DISABLED PERSONS

CHAPTER 1. DELIVERANCE FROM PUBLIC RIDICULE

SECTION 39. PUBLIC RIDICULE - For Purpose of this
chapter, public ridicule shall be defined as an act of making
fun of contemptuous copying, or making mockery, whether
in writing or in words, against a disable person due to his
impairments/s

SECTION 40. No individual, group or community shall
execute any of these acts of ridicule against a disabled

person in any time and place possible which could result into intimidation, low self-esteem and inferiority to the latter.

CHAPTER 2. PROHIBITION ON VILIFICATION

SECTION 41. VILIFICATION – For Purposes of this chapter vilification shall be defined as A) The Utterance of Slanderous and abusive statements against a person; and B) An Activity in Public which incites hatred towards, serious contempt for, or severe ridicule of public with disability.

SECTION. 42. Any individual group, or community is hereby prohibited from vilifying any disabled person which could result into degradation of self-respect and moral of the latter.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause – Any law, Presidential decree or Issuance Executive order, Letter of Instruction, Administrative Order, rule or regulation to, or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause – If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is declared invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause – This act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the official Gazette or in two (2) National newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.