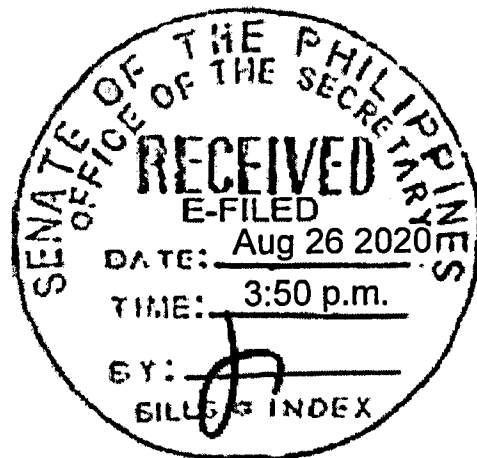


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S. No. **1795**

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PWDS WITH PERMANENT
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EXPLANATORY NOTE


One of the important measures implemented by the government geared towards the welfare and protection of persons with disabilities (PWDs) is the provision of PWD Identification Cards as basis for the enjoyment of benefits and privileges provided under Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons," as amended. Another laudable aspect of the law is the devolution of the issuance of PWD IDs to the level of our local government units (cities, municipalities or barangays). However, at present, the validity of PWD IDs is limited to only three years, subject to renewal¹. The wisdom behind this limited validity period and the requirement of renewal is the need to re-evaluate the entitlement of the ID holder to the benefits pertaining to his/her status as a PWD. This is to ensure that the information contained therein reflects the holder's current disability status. But this does not apply in case of a PWD with a permanent disability such as pre-existing birth defects, permanent blindness or deafness, loss of limb or body parts, etc. Requiring

¹ NCDA Administrative Order No. 001 Series of 2008, retrieved from:
<https://www.ncda.gov.ph/tag/pwd-id/>


such PWDs to renew every three years is superfluous, burdensome and a waste of government resources.

This bill seeks to eliminate this unnecessary burden and rationalize the issuance of PWD IDs by providing for the lifetime validity for PWDs with permanent disabilities. This will spare them the inconvenience of going back to the issuing offices every three years, filling up the renewal forms, falling in line and paying fees and charges just to renew their PWD IDs, when no changes have occurred as to their disability status.

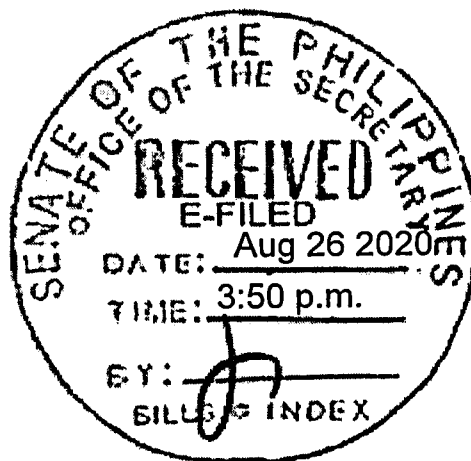
In view of this, early passage of this bill is sought.



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

1 SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the
2 "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons", as amended, is hereby further amended to read
3 as follows:

4 "SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

5 x x x.

6 The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with
7 disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the
8 following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

9 (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor the
10 barangay captain of the place where the person with disability resides;

11 (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or

12 (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by
13 the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

1 **THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH**
2 **PERMANENT DISABILITY AS PROVIDED IN (I) AND (III) OF**
3 **THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID DURING THE**
4 **LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER, AND MAY BE RENEWED IN CASE**
5 **OF LOSS OR DAMAGE: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH PERMANENT**
6 **DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY**
7 **HEALTH OFFICE WHERE THE PWD RESIDES; *PROVIDED***
8 ***FURTHER*, THAT THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT**
9 **MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF THE**
10 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS IS NOT ABUSED, ESPECIALLY WHEN**
11 **THE ID HOLDER DIES."**

12 Section 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – To carry out the provisions
13 of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs in consultation with the
14 Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of
15 Social Welfare and Development and other relevant government agencies and
16 stakeholders shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the
17 implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

18 Section 3. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provision of this Act or the
19 application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid, the other provisions
20 or sections of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

21 Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
22 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
23 amended or modified accordingly.

24 Section 5. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
25 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
26 general circulation.

27 Approved,