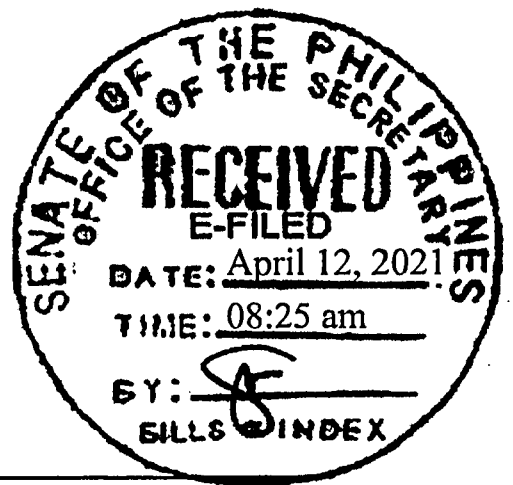


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SENATE
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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THOSE WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY OR
ELDERLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY," AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2008, a Person With Disability Identification Card (PWD-IDC), which serves as the Standard National Identification Card for PWDs, shall be the basis for the entitlement of the privileges provided for under the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, as amended. Such privileges include discounts and VAT exemption for transportation fare, medicines, and medical services.

Currently, the NCDA A.O. No. 001 requires all PWDs to go through the tedious process of renewing their PWD-IDCs every three (3) years. This poses a challenge to PWDs with permanent disabilities or elderly PWDs since many of them have issues with mobility and/or access to renewing offices. Furthermore, even with Batasang Pambansa Blg. 344 or the Accessibility Law, as mandated by Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, many government offices are still noncompliant.

This is evident in a 2015 report from the NCDA which stated that out of 1,200 local government agencies that was inspected nationwide, only 40 passed the criteria set for the minimum requirement for the Accessibility Law.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide additional relief to the sector by granting lifetime validity to the PWD-IDs of a) PWDs with permanent disabilities or b) PWDs who are also senior citizens issued by the following offices:

- a) Office of Persons with Disability Affairs or the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of the place where the PWD resides; or
- b) National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)

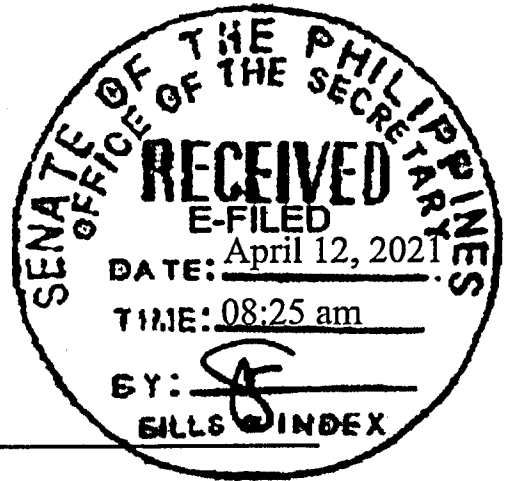
Relieving them with the nuisance of renewing their ID cards will allow them to focus instead on living independently and equally with the rest of the community while enjoying the benefits accorded to them. Therefore, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known
2 as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability," is hereby further amended to read as
3 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 PWD who are
7 Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of
8 his/her entitlement thereto:

9 "(I) An Identification card Issued by the city or municipal mayor or the
10 barangay captain of the place where the PWD resides;

11 "(II) The passport of the PWD concerned; or

12 "(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by
13 the [~~National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)~~]
14 **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA).**

15 "**PROVIDED, THAT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AS MENTIONED**
16 **IN (I) AND (III) OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, ISSUED TO**
17 **A PWD WHO HAS A PERMANENT DISABILITY, AS**

1 DETERMINED BY THE NCDA, OR WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60)
2 YEARS OLD SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE
3 HOLDER: *PROVIDED*, FURTHER, THAT THE NCDA, IN
4 CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL
5 ISSUE A LIST OF DISABILITIES CONSIDERED AS PERMANENT
6 FOR THIS PURPOSE WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE
7 EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT: *PROVIDED*, FURTHERMORE, THAT
8 IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, THE HOLDER MAY RENEW
9 HIS/HER IDENTIFICATION CARD; *PROVIDED*, FINALLY THAT
10 THE ISSUING OFFICES SHALL IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO
11 ENSURE THE PROPER USE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD
12 ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF THE ID HOLDER'S DEATH.

13 "x x x."

14 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***— The Department of Social
15 Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA),
16 in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and
17 Local Government (DILG) and other concerned government agencies, shall promulgate
18 the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon the
19 effectivity of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.***— If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
22 force and effect.

23 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
24 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are
25 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

26 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
27 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

28 *Approved,*