



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1387

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AN ACT CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS  
OFFICE 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277 is hereby amended  
2 to read as follows:

3           "SEC. 40. *Role of National Agencies and Local Government*  
4           *Units.* –

5           "(A) Local government units shall promote the  
6 establishment of organizations of [disabled persons] PERSONS  
7 WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) in their respective territorial

jurisdictions. National agencies and local government units may enter into joint ventures with organizations or associations of [disabled persons] PWDs to explore livelihood opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance the health, physical fitness and the economic and social well-being of [disabled persons] PWDs.

“(B) IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ENSURE THAT THE AGENCIES CONCERNED SHALL EXTEND THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO PWDs BY CREATING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY.

“(C) A SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN THE LGUs AND BUSINESSES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTNERS IS HEREBY CREATED TO ENSURE THE MAINSTREAMING OF PWDs INTO SOCIETY.”

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the *Official Gazette*, whichever comes first.

Approved,