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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The promotion and protection of the right to health among Filipinos is a policy of the State and guaranteed under our Constitution. The government therefore, is mandated to enhance and intensify its programs concerning health and health care in the pursuit of this policy.

Near fatal injuries resulting from accidents and in some cases from violence require immediate emergency response. With that, a victim's identity and other information is imperative which can only be obtained from his or her identification card. Normally, identification cards particularly those issued by the government usually contain the name, address, person to be notified and other relevant information of the cardholder. Most often, the blood type is not included.

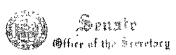
In cases where the cardholder is a victim of an accident or violence that resulted in a heavy loss of blood, survival will depend, aside from other medical treatment, on blood transfusion. As such, immediate identification of the person's blood type is very important to the person's survival.

The proposed measure therefore, seeks to prevent any delay in blood transfusion by requiring government offices to include in their identification cards information on the holder's blood type.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INCLUDE A PORTION INDICATING THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF
8 9	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:
10 11 12 13	SECTION 1. Title This Act shall be known as the "Blood Type Identification Act".
14 15 16	SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy In order to promote public health, it is hereby declared the policy of the State:
17 18 19	 (a) To promote awareness about the importance of blood type which is to be found in all government-issued identification cards; and
20	(b) To facilitate immediate transfusion response during medical emergencies.
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	SEC. 3. <i>Implementing Agencies.</i> - The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Local Treasurer's Office and the Local Registrar's Office shall implement the provisions of this Act.
28 29 30	SEC. 4. Rules and Regulations All government implementing agencies, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months of its effectivity.
31 32 33 34	SEC. 5. Coverage, - The following government-issued identification documents shall bear the blood type of its owner-holder:
35	(a) Certificates:
36 37 38 39	(1) Birth Certificate or Certificate of Live Birth; and(2) Community Tax Certificate, as issued by the Local Treasurer's Office
40 41	(b) Licenses:
42 43 44	(1) Driver's license, as issued by the LTO; and (2) Firearms license, as issued by the PNP