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Senate Bill No. 506

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Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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 (c) Identification Cards:
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- 3 (1) SSS Card, as issued by the SSS;
4 (2) GSIS card, as issued by the GSIS;
5 (3) Passport, as issued by the DFA; and
6 (4) Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC and such other
7 identification documents in the same classification as enumerated above.
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9 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this
10 Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the implementing agencies under the
11 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its
12 continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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14 SEC. 7. *Penal Provision.* - Any person who, on his own volition, bears false
15 information regarding his or her blood type on his or her license and/or other
16 government identification cards shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five
17 thousand pesos (P5,000.00).
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19 Any person in government office who violates the provisions of this Act shall, in
20 addition to the penalty stated above, be dismissed from government service.
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22 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - In the event that any provision of this Act is
23 declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by
24 such declaration.
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26 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and
27 other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
28 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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30 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
31 full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general
32 circulation in the Philippines.
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