



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1214

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INSETS FOR LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended,
2 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability", is hereby
3 further amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 22. *Broadcast Media.* – ALL FREE-TO-AIR
5 [T]Television stations [shall be encouraged] ARE REQUIRED to
6 provide [a] FILIPINO sign[-]language insets, AND WHERE

1 **POSSIBLE, CLOSED CAPTIONS** or subtitles in at least [one (1)]
2 **TWO (2)** newscast programs a day and special programs
3 covering events of national significance.

4 **“THE FREE-TO-AIR TELEVISION STATIONS MAY**
5 **LIKELIKE OPT TO PROVIDE FOR FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE**
6 **INSETS IN OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE PERTAINING TO**
7 **CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIVELIHOOD AND THOSE CATERING TO**
8 **CHILDREN.”**

9 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,
10 resolutions, orders, ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the
11 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

12 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
13 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

 Approved,

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