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S. No. 2721

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED  
PERSONS, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9442

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill mandates that identification cards issued to persons with permanent disability shall be valid during the lifetime of the holder. At present, the National Council on Disability Affairs Administrative Order Series of 2008 provides that the ID card issued to PWDs shall be valid for three years only.

This bill seeks to eliminate the unnecessary burden on the persons with permanent disability of renewing every three years their PWD ID cards. The purpose of renewal is to ensure that the ID card is reflective of the current status of the holder. The renewal allows the issuing agent to re-evaluate whether or not the holder continues to be entitled to the card. This does not apply to a person whose disability is considered permanent. One who is permanently deaf, for example, should no longer be required to prove every three years his/her hearing impairment. Requiring so is superfluous, and is a waste of both the holder's and the issuing office's resources.

The access of our PWDs to benefits and privileges granted by law shall not be impeded especially by bureaucratic procedures that serve no purpose but to further burden a marginalized sector of our society.

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

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6 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for  
7 Disabled Persons, Chapter 8, Section 32, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the  
9 following:....

10 The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with  
11 disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following  
12 as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

13 (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the  
14 barangay captain of the place where the persons with disability resides;

15 (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or

16 (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the  
17 National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

18 **THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS**  
19 **WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY AS PROVIDED IN (I) AND (III)**  
20 **OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID DURING**

1           **THE LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER, AND MAY BE RENEWED IN**  
2           **CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.**

3           SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
4 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,  
5 or inconsistent with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
6 accordingly.

7           SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days  
8 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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