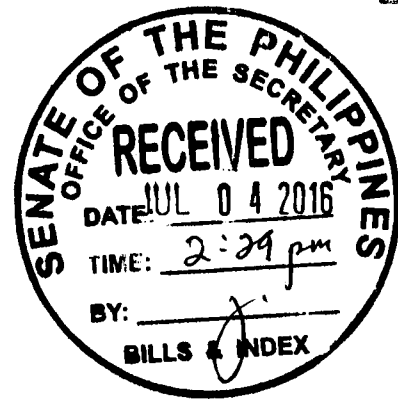


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

We dream of a Philippines where quality government services are available to every Filipino.

We hope for a nation where health services are delivered to everyone, especially those that need it most.

Many of our hopes and dreams for the country can only come to fruition by planting seeds through legislation.

Our laws and policies are starting points to programs and systems that push our country forward and improve the living conditions of every Filipino.

The Mandatory Philhealth for PWDs bill is a straightforward measure to support our disadvantaged countrymen – our persons with disabilities.

First and foremost, social services should be provided to those with the least in society. Health services should be provided to those who need it the most.

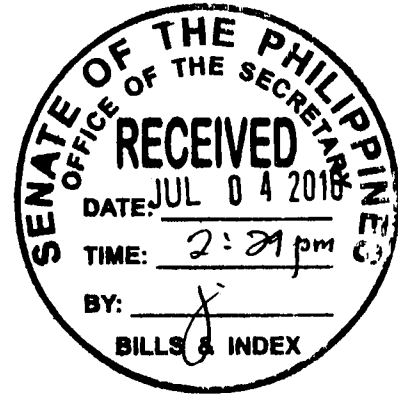
Let's grant our PWDs mandatory Philhealth coverage and move closer to our dream creating a nation where the needs of all our countrymen are provided for.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the "*Mandatory PhilHealth*
2 *Coverage for All PWDs Act*".

3 **SEC. 2.** A new section is hereby inserted after Section 18 under "Chapter III.
4 HEALTH" of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for
5 Persons with Disability" to read as follows:

6 **"SECTION 19. MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE.** — "ALL PERSONS WITH
7 DISABILITY SHALL BE COVERED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM
8 OF PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH). FUNDS
9 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ENROLLMENT OF ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY NOT
10 CURRENTLY COVERED BY AN EXISTING CATEGORY SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE
11 NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUNC OF PHILHEALTH FROM PROCEEDS OF
12 REPUBLIC ACT 10351, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERTINENT LAWS AND
13 REGULATIONS.

14 **SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — The Philippine Health Insurance
15 Corporation (Philhealth) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
16 shall promulgate, not later than sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary
17 rules and regulation for its proper and effective implementation.

18 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause** — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
19 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or
20 inconsistent with any provision of this Act as hereby amended or modified accordingly.

1 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
2 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to
3 be in full force and effect.

4 **SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause.** — This Act shall take fifteen (15) days following its
5 publication in the *official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6 *Approved*