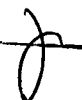




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Senate Bill No. **1021**

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Introduced by **SENATOR LACSON**

AN ACT PROVIDING PHILHEALTH PREMIUM SUBSIDY FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DIASBILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY", PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, *disabled*, women, and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers."

Based on the 2010 Census, persons with disabilities comprise 1.57% of the total population of the Philippines. Despite existing policies for the advancement of their welfare, PWDs remain highly marginalized due to poverty, among others.

Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability*" was enacted providing for the rights and privileges of persons with disabilities (PWDs). While said law grants them 20% discount on medicines, and medical and dental services, the same seems to be insufficient to cover the healthcare needs of PWDs.

This bill, therefore, aims to make our national health policies more PWD-inclusive by requiring the national government to fully subsidize the PhilHealth premium contributions of PWDs. The fund requirements shall be sourced from the sin tax collections.

For the purpose of fulfilling the State's constitutional mandate of prioritizing the needs of the PWDs, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator

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SENATE
Senate Bill No. 1021

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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY",
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** A new section is hereby added after Section 20, Chapter III,
2 Title Two of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for*
3 *Disabled Persons*", to read as follows and the numbering of the succeeding
4 sections are adjusted accordingly:

5 **SECTION. 21. THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL FULLY**
6 **SUBSIDIZE THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE**
7 **CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS**
8 **OF ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDS) NOT**
9 **CURRENTLY COVERED BY ANY EXISTING CATEGORY**
10 **UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE OF**
11 **PHILHEALTH. PROVIDED, THAT PWDS WHO ARE GAINFULLY**
12 **ENGAGED IN BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT OR PRACTICE OF**
13 **PROFESSION OR SENIOR CITIZENS SHALL NOT BE COVERED**
14 **BY THIS SUBSIDY BUT BY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.**
15 **PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT PWDS UNDER THE CARE OF THE**
16 **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**
17 **(DSWD) OR INDIGENT PWDS SHALL BE FULLY SUBSIDIZED**
18 **UNDER THIS ACT.**

19 **THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE**
20 **SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE SIN TAX COLLECTIONS**
21 **AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351 OR**
22 **THE SIN TAX LAW.**

23 **SEC 2 Implementing Rules and Regulations**

1 (Philhealth) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
2 shall formulate, not later than one (1) month after the approval of this Act, the
3 necessary implementing rules and regulations.

4 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** Any law, decree, ordinance, administrative
5 circulars not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed
6 or modified accordingly.

7 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect immediately after its
8 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
9 general circulation.

10 *Approved,*