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Senate Bill No. 1391

(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 249, 356, 377 and 796)

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Title Two, Chapter 8, Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 8. Other Privileges and Incentives

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

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"(f) MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE

ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDS) SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED AND COVERED UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP) OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH). PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PWDS SHALL BE PAID BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: *PROVIDED, THAT, THE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF PWD MEMBERS IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY SHALL BE SHARED EQUALLY BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.*

FUNDS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ENROLLMENT OF

1 ALL PWDS SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH
2 INSURANCE FUND OF PHILHEALTH, EARMARKED FROM THE
3 PROCEEDS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351, IN ACCORDANCE
4 WITH PERTINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

5 THE PHIC SHALL DEVELOP EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES FOR
6 PWDS THAT WILL ADDRESS THEIR SPECIFIC HEALTH AND
7 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS."

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9 **SEC. 2. *Monitoring and Evaluation.*** The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination
10 with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Labor and
11 Employment (DOLE), the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the local government units
12 (LGUs), other relevant government agencies and non-government organizations, shall conduct a
13 periodic monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of this Act. Towards this end, the DOH shall
14 maintain an updated database on PWDs and their health and development needs. The LGUs, the
15 PhilHealth, the NCDA, and other relevant government agencies are directed to submit their data on
16 PWDs to the DOH.

17 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*** – The PhilHealth, in consultation
18 with the DOH, the DSWD, the DOLE, the NCDA, and the LGUs shall promulgate the
19 implementing rules and regulations (IRR), within three (3) months upon the effectivity of
20 this Act.

21 **SEC 4. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
22 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
23 amended or modified accordingly.

24 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its
25 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

26 Approved,