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

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Chapter 1, Title One of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities" is hereby amended by inserting new subsections to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. *Definition of Terms.* — [~~For purposes of~~] **AS USED IN** this Act[, these terms are defined as follows]:

"X X X

**"(Q) ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES REFER TO DEVICES THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE AN INDIVIDUAL'S FUNCTIONING AND INDEPENDENCE TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION AND TO ENHANCE OVERALL WELL-BEING BY HELPING TO PREVENT IMPAIRMENTS AND SECONDARY HEALTH CONDITIONS. IT INCLUDES WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKERS, PROSTHESES,**

1 HEARING AIDS, AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND  
2 SPECIALIZED COMPUTER SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND  
3 PERIPHERALS THAT INCREASE MOBILITY, HEARING, VISION,  
4 OR COMMUNICATION CAPACITIES, AMONG OTHERS; AND

5 "(R) *ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE* REFERS TO ANY  
6 SERVICE THAT DIRECTLY ASSISTS A PERSON WITH  
7 DISABILITY IN THE SELECTION, ACQUISITION, OR USE OF AN  
8 ASSISTIVE DEVICE AND TECHNOLOGY."

9 SEC. 2. Section 8 (a) and (b) of Chapter 1, Title Two of Republic Act No. 7277,  
10 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

11 "Sec. 8. *Incentives for Employers.* — (a) To encourage the active  
12 participation of the private sector in promoting the [welfare] **RIGHTS**  
13 of persons **WITH DISABILITIES** and to ensure gainful employment  
14 for qualified persons **WITH DISABILITIES**, adequate incentives shall  
15 be provided to private entities which employ persons **WITH**  
16 **DISABILITIES**.

17 "(b) Private entities that employ persons **WITH DISABILITIES** who  
18 meet the required skills or qualifications, either as regular employee,  
19 apprentice or learner, shall be entitled to an additional deduction, from  
20 their gross income, equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total  
21 amount paid as salaries and wages to disabled persons **WITH**  
22 **DISABILITIES**, *Provided*, [~~however, That such entities present proof~~  
23 ~~as certified by the Department of Labor and Employment that disabled~~  
24 ~~persons are under their employ: Provided, further, That the disabled~~  
25 ~~employee is accredited with the Department of Labor and Employment~~  
26 ~~and the Department of Health as to his disability, skills and~~  
27 ~~qualifications.] **THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**  
28 **EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), UNDER ITS LABOR LAWS, SHALL ISSUE**  
29 **A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO PRIVATE ENTITIES AS**  
30 **PRESCRIBED IN DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 131-B, SERIES OF**~~

1       **2016, OR THE REVISED RULES ON LABOR LAWS COMPLIANCE**  
2       **SYSTEM: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THERE IS NO**  
3       **QUALIFIED PERSON WITH DISABILITY APPLICANT AFTER**  
4       **THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE MANDATORY PUBLICATION BY**  
5       **THE EMPLOYER OF ITS JOB VACANCY RESERVED FOR PERSONS**  
6       **WITH DISABILITIES, THE EMPLOYER MAY HIRE A NON-**  
7       **PERSON WITH DISABILITY APPLICANT FOR SAID RESERVED**  
8       **POSITIONS BY SECURING PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DOLE.**

9       “(c) x x x.”

10       **SEC. 3.** Section 32 of Chapter 8, Title Two of Republic Act No. 7277, as  
11       amended, is hereby amended by inserting four (4) new subsections to read as  
12       follows:

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

14       "x x x

15       (k) Provision of express lanes for persons with disability in all commercial  
16       and government establishments; in the absence thereof, priority shall  
17       be given to them.

18       **“(L) A MONTHLY STIPEND AMOUNTING TO FIVE HUNDRED**  
19       **PESOS (P500.00) TO AUGMENT THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE,**  
20       **MEDICAL AND OTHER NEEDS OF MARGINALIZED AND**  
21       **INDIGENT PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES: PROVIDED,**  
22       **THAT PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES WHO ARE**  
23       **RECIPIENTS OF SIMILAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE**  
24       **GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
25       **SENIOR CITIZENS AND BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE**  
26       **PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM, OR 4PS, SHALL**  
27       **NO LONGER BE GIVEN THIS STIPEND;**



1 (M) PROVISION OF FREE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES  
2 SUCH AS THE EVALUATION OF THE NEEDS AND THE  
3 FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN  
4 THE CUSTOMARY ENVIRONMENT OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT,  
5 AS WELL AS SELECTING, DESIGNING, FITTING, CUSTOMIZING,  
6 ADAPTING, APPLYING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, OR  
7 REPLACING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES; TRAINING OR  
8 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES;  
9 SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING AND JOB COACHING, AND  
10 SUCH OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE: PROVIDED, THAT THE  
11 BENEFICIARY IS A MARGINALIZED PERSON WITH DISABILITY  
12 AS CERTIFIED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL  
13 GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED;

14 (N) PROVISION OF FREE ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND  
15 TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING TECHNICAL AIDS, PROSTHETIC  
16 AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES OR APPLIANCES PARTICULARLY FOR  
17 PERSONAL USE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT WILL  
18 RESTORE THEIR SOCIAL FUNCTIONING AND  
19 PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY  
20 AFFAIRS, AND SUCH OTHER DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES  
21 APPROPRIATE TO OTHER DISABILITIES: PROVIDED, THAT THE  
22 BENEFICIARY IS A MARGINALIZED PERSON WITH DISABILITY  
23 AS CERTIFIED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL  
24 GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED; AND

25 "(O) EXEMPTION FROM PASSPORT PROCESSING FEES, AS  
26 WELL AS TRAVEL TAXES, TERMINAL FEES, OTHER FEES AND  
27 CHARGES LEVIED IN AIRPORTS, PORTS, OR OTHER  
28 TERMINALS BY THE GOVERNMENT, ITS AGENCIES OR  
29 INSTRUMENTALITIES, OR BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND  
30 CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS.

1 "The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with  
2 **DISABILITY** who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the  
3 following as proof of entitlement thereto:

4 "(I) **THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY** identification card issued by  
5 the city or municipal mayor or the barangay **CHAIR** of the place where  
6 the person with disability resides, **OR BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**  
7 **ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA); OR**

8 "(II) The passport of the **PERSONS WITH DISABILITY** with  
9 **PERMANENT** disability.

10 ~~"[(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by~~  
11 ~~the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP.)~~

12 **"PROVIDED THAT, THE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO**  
13 **PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES SHALL BE FREE OF**  
14 **CHARGE AND SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE**  
15 **CARDHOLDER: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT SUCH PERMANENT**  
16 **DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY**  
17 **HEALTH OFFICE AND VERIFIED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL**  
18 **WELFARE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LSWDO).**

19 **THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**  
20 **(DSWD) SHALL ENSURE THAT THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF THE**  
21 **ID CARD OF PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES IS**  
22 **NOT ABUSED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ID HOLDER DIES.**

23 **SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — Within sixty (60) days from  
24 the effectivity of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), in  
25 coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Social Welfare  
26 and Development (DSWD), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the  
27 Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Governance  
28 Commission for Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GCG), and other  
29 relevant government agencies, shall promulgate, not later than ninety (90) days

1 after the effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for its proper and  
2 effective implementation.

3       **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** — The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development  
4 shall include in the DSWD's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of  
5 which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

6       **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is held  
7 unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full  
8 force and effect.

9       **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** - Any law, decrees or issuance, executive orders,  
10 rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with  
11 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

12       **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
13 the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette, or in a newspaper of  
14 general circulation.

15       Approved,