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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Accidents and other medical emergency situations which result to excessive blood loss can happen to anyone.

Statistics show that many accident victims die or suffer physical disabilities or complications because much needed blood cannot be transfused to them at once. This is due to the responding party's lack of knowledge of the victim's blood type, and sometimes due to the responding party's ignorance of his or her own blood type that prevents him or her from voluntarily donating.

Blood typing in emergency situations is inadvisable because it takes away precious time that is supposed to be used for blood transfusion to save the life of the victim.

The passage of this bill would require all government issued licenses, certificates and identification cards (e.g. SSS card, GSIS card, birth certificates, driver's license, firearms license, professional license, etc.) to bear the blood type of the owner-holder of such identification document. With this type of information on hand, blood transfusion delays caused by blood type unawareness will be prevented.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS,
CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INCLUDE A PORTION INDICATING THE
BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. Title - This Act shall be known as the "Blood Type Identification Act
of 2005"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - In order to promote the public health, it is
hereby declared the policy of the State:

1. to promote and encourage voluntary blood donation by the citizenry;
2. to promote prompt and effective blood transfusion response for medical
emergencies; and
3. to provide for an adequate, equitable and safe supply of blood products.

SECTION 3. Implementing Agencies - The Government Service Insurance
System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Professional Regulatory Commission
(PRC), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department
of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Local Registrar's Office shall implement the provisions
of this Act.

SECTION 4. Rules and Regulations - All government implementing agencies, in
coordination with the Department of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations
necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months of its effectively.

SECTION 5. Coverage - The following government issued identification
documents shall bear the blood type of its owner-holder:

1. Certificates

- a. Birth Certificate; and
- b. Community Tax Certificate, as issued by the Local Registrar's Office

2. Licenses

- a. Driver's license, as issued by LTO
- b. Professional license, as issued by PRC
- c. Firearms license, as issued by PNP

3. Identification Cards

- a. SSS card, as issued by SSS;
- b. GSIS card, as issued by GSIS
- c. Passport, as issued by DFA

And such other identification documents in the same classification as above enumerated.

SECTION 6. Appropriations - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the implementing agencies under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Penal Provision - Any person who, on his own volition, bears false information regarding his or her blood type on his or her license and/or other government identification card shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00).

Any person in government office who violates the provisions of this Act shall, in addition to the penalty stated above, be dismissed from government service.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,