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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Libraries provide information and services that are essential to learning and progress. They should also be made available to disabled persons who can be as productive as normal persons if given sufficient information and access. Learners with special needs who cannot avail of institution-based programs and services must not be denied access to the wealth of wisdom and information available in libraries.

Many libraries in other countries have made significant modifications to their buildings and to their collections in an effort to provide the disabled community with the access to library resources and services, there is no reason why we cannot do the same.

Thus, to complement RA No. 7217 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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SEC 6. TAX-FREE FACILITIES - All materials equipment, and facilities imported under this special program shall be free from all taxes and duties, including all excise and value added taxes imposed by the government on the equipment in the transactions and in the acquisition thereof.

SEC. 7. RESOURCES — the government shall provide various grants to these public library districts for specific development projects. In addition, these Libraries shall actively solicit financial assistance from private individuals, organizations and corporations For (his purpose, a special committee that seeks gifts and grants from various private sources shall be created by the DepEd and the CHED.

SEC. 8. SOLICITATION AND AGREEMENTS - The Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education, subject to existing rules and regulations, may solicit and enter into agreements with any local and foreign organization and/or governments who can contribute to the attainment of the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 9 This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
Approved