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HOUSE BILL NO. 7091

Introduced by Hon. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

AN ACT
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, TO
STRENGTHEN ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND STRICT MONITOR-
ING OF ITS ACCESSIBILITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-
FOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The government’s effort to create a more inclusive environment for
Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) has been a continuing pursuit. Republic
Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons has been amended
repeatedly to ensure that our PWDs are provided with benefits that aid in
guaranteeing their productivity and self-reliance. Unfortunately, despite the
good intention of the said statute, issues concerning its abuse by some indi-
viduals are constantly being identified undermining one of its objectives
which is to provide our PWDs with greater protection. Thus, the government
shall take proper action on the reports of malfeasance of individuals respon-
sible for the issuance of PWD Cards to unqualified beneficiaries to preserve
the integrity of the law.

This bill seeks for the exact and more rigorous enforcement of the
Magna Carta for Disabled Persons to deter all individuals who take advan-
tage of the said Act by penalizing any person who is instrumental in the is-
suance of a PWD Card to an unqualified person, and unqualified individuals
who falsify documents to avail the benefits of the ACT. Further, this aims to
refine some areas of the said law to keep it attuned with the evolving condi-
tions and attendant issues of the country.

In view of the forgoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy- It is hereby declared a policy of
the state to ensure proper implementation of the country's policies protecting
Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to avoid their abuse and ensure their re-
sponsiveness.

SECTION 2. Additional Sections to TITLE II, RIGHTS and PRIVI-
LEGES of DISABLED PERSONS of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended,
otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons are hereby added
to read as follows:

“SEC. 34 Issuance and Validity of PWD Identification
Card (PWD-IDC)-All PWDs shall apply for a PWD-IDC to
avail of the incentives provided in this Act. For records and
monitoring purposes, all cards shall be categorized into two:

Type 1- All apparent and permanent disabilities such as,
but not limited to: Neurological, Orthopaedic, Loss of Function
or Absence of a Limb.¹

Type 2- All non-apparent and permanent disabilities such
as, but not limited to: Developmental, Psychiatric, Visual, and
Hearing Disabilities.²

All beneficiaries shall be required to renew their PWD-
IDC every five (5) years, and submit the following documen-
tary requirements upon the renewal of their cards for proper
evaluation:

¹https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/id-cards-people-disabilities
a. Medical Certificate or Abstract
b. Expired PWD-IDC
c. Barangay Clearance

However, individuals falling under Type 2 category shall also ensure that they submit an updated Medical Certificate that states the nature of their disability duly signed by a Medical Doctor specialising in their condition, with a verification stamp from the City Health Department of the Local Government Unit where they are applying.

SECTION 35. Monitoring and Periodic Evaluation of the Criteria for Eligibility - The Department of Health, in close coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and in consultation with the National Council on Disability Affairs, shall develop a more specific set of qualifications for the applicants of PWD-IDC, and create an efficient mechanism for evaluation to ensure the eligibility of all applicants.

Further, the existing list of PWD-IDC holders shall be monitored and reviewed annually to update the existing data and profiles of the beneficiaries to secure the truthfulness of all records, and arrest possible abuse of the benefits strictly intended for PWDs."

SECTION 3. The following paragraphs shall be added to SECTION 46. Penal Clause, Republic Act. No. 7277:

"(e). Any person who falsifies documents to obtain PWD-IDC, issues an untruthful medical certification, or falsely represents himself/herself as a medical professional qualified to issue medical certification shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than four years but not more than six years or a fine of Five hundred thousand pesos (₱500,000.00), or both;

(f). Any person who possesses altered PWD-IDC shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than two years but not more than four years, or a fine of Three hundred thousand pesos, or both;

(g) Any person who is instrumental in the issuance of PWD-IDS to an unqualified person shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than four years but not more than six years or a fine of Five hundred thousand pesos (₱500,000.00), or both. The officers of institutions or groups that facilitate, or instrumental in, the issuance of PWD-IDC to an unqualified person shall suffer the same penalty.

(h). Any person who uses an altered or falsified PWD-IDC, or any unqualified person who uses PWD-IDC, to obtain benefit under this Act shall be punished with imprisonment of
not less than four years but not less than six years, or a fine of
One million pesos, or both."

SECTION 4. For the purpose of this Act, sections of Republic Act
No. 7277 following the amendments above are hereby renumbered accord-
ingly.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations- The Department
of Health, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Devel-
opment, and in close consultation with the National Council for the Welfare
of Disabled Persons shall develop the implementing rules and regulations of
this act 60 days after its approval.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause - If any of the sections or provisions
of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain
valid.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders,
rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to inconsis-
tent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modi-
fi ed accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general cir-
culation.

Approved,