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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4302



Introduced by Hon. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo

AN ACT
FURTHER EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, LIKEWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA
CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

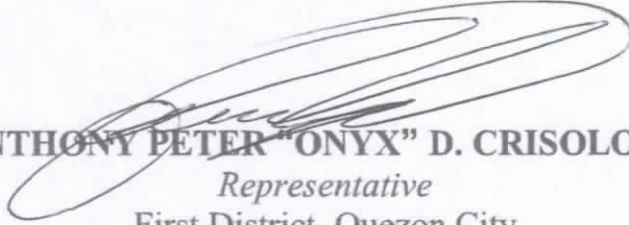
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to expand the benefits of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and their children with opportunities that would complement their condition.

The limitations of PWDs usually result to insufficient resources that affect their lives and their families. Providing for, and preparing their children's future pose as constant challenges that need immediate action. With the state giving paramount priority to education, it should create laws that supplement its existing policies to accommodate the needs of PWDs and their children.

Having proper access to education is imperative in building people's capacity to reach their full potentials. Further, to ensure that all members of the community are productive, the government shall render educational programs to PWDs and their children designed to respond to their limitations to widen their opportunities for a better life.

In view of the foregoing, 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 Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a new section between Sections 14 and 15 under Chapter II of the Act, which shall read as follows:

SECTION 14-A: *Educational Assistance.* State universities, state colleges, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall grant the following benefits and privileges to Persons With Disabilities and their qualified children:

(1) Scholarships in tertiary education, and technical-vocational education and training in their respective institutions.

(2) Alternative Learning System responsive to the needs of PWDs and their children.

To be eligible for scholarship in state universities and state colleges, the PWD or his/her child must Pass the usual qualifying examination for admission of the school.

SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
2 following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
3 newspaper of general circulation.

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5 Approved,