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Introduced by: HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO

AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill requires all government issued cards, certificates and licenses to indicate the blood type of the holder thereof and providing penalties for its violations.

The right to health of the Filipino people is enshrined in Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to wit:

"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them"

Accidents and other medical emergency situations affect and happen to everyone. Thus, in case of emergency which results to excessive blood loss, immediate matching of the correct blood type may be transfused in order to save the life of the victim. Knowledge of one's blood type is important for both recipient and the donor for the immediate transfusion of the appropriate blood.

In view of the foregoing, approval 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. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Blood Type Identification Act”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall implement measures that would ensure the safety of lives during disasters and medical emergency situations.

SECTION 3. Blood Type Identification. – All government agencies shall indicate the blood type of the individual applying for an identification card, certificate or licenses. For the purpose of this Act, an individual’s blood type must be duly certified by a pathologist.

SECTION 4. Coverage. – The following government-issued documents shall bear the blood type of an individual, to wit:

- a) Identification card as issued by the Social Security System (SSS), the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), passport by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and professional identification card by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);
- b) Birth certificate as issued by the Local Registrar’s Office or the National Statistical Office (NSO);
- c) Driver’s license as issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and firearms license by the Philippine national Police (PNP); And
- d) Such other certificates, license or identification documents that have yet to be issued by agencies to be created after the effectivity of this Act

SECTION 5. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations or corporate funds of the implementing agencies and corporations.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with all concerned government implementing agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within three (3) months from its effectivity.

SECTION 7. 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 8. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,