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### **Explanatory Note**

The 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill among health consciousness.

In line with the abovementioned provision in the Constitution, this proposed measure seeks to require the inclusion of blood type information of owner/ holder of certificates, licenses, and identification cards issued by the government. This information is necessary especially in unlikely situations such as accidents and calamities, wherein a person would be needing urgent medical attention, particularly blood transfusion. Information such as this is vital in order to immediately address the needs of a victim in saving his/ her life.

Furthermore, blood type information of citizens, which would be available in the database of concerned government agencies identified in this bill, would be helpful for a systematic maintenance of stocks of blood in hospitals and in blood banks maintained by the Philippine Red Cross.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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### AN ACT

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

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

1	SECTION 1. Short Title This Act shall be known as "Blood Type
2	Identification Act".
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4	Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy It is the policy of the State to protect and
5	promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.
6	Toward this end, the State shall implements measures that would ensure the safety of
7	lives during disaster and medical emergency situations.
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9	Sec. 3. Blood Type Identification All government agencies shall indicate
10	the blood type of the individual applying for an identification card, certificate or
11	license. For the purpose of this Act, an individual's blood type must be duly certified
12	by a pathologist.
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14	Sec. 4 Coverage The following government-issued documents shall bear the
15	blood type of an individual, to wit:
16	(a) Identification card as issued by the Social Security System (SSS),
17	the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), passport by the Department of
18	Foreign Affairs (DFA) and professional identification card by the Professional
19	Regulation Commission (PRC);
20	(b) Birth certificate as issued by the Local Registrar's Office or the
21	National Statistics Office (NSO);
22	(c) Driver's license as issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO)
23	and firearms license by the Philippine National Police (PNP); and

1	(d) Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC and
2	such other certificates, licenses and/ or identification documents that the agencies not
3	yet stated in Section 3 may issue in the same classification as enumerated above.
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5	Sec. 5. Appropriations The amount necessary for the implementation of
6	this Act shall be charged to the appropriations or corporate funds of the implementing
7	agencies and corporations.
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9	Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations The Department of Health
10	(DOH), in coordination with all concerned government implementing agencies, shall
11	formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the Act
12	within three (3) months from its effectivity.
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14	Sec.7. Separability Clause In the event that any provision of this Act is
15	declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by
16	such declaration.
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18	Sec. 8 Repealing Clause.,- All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and
19	other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
20	are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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22	Sec.9. Effectivity This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23	publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,