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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4920



## Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Through legislation, perks and benefits have been afforded to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and senior citizens in order to counterbalance their daily plight.

For instance, establishments provide special lanes to spare them from having to wait at long queus when transacting their official businesses.

However, while special lanes for PWDs and senior citizens are surely helpful, when a certain business have to be transacted at the upper floors of a building, the difficulty lies in getting to the destination floors especially when a building does not have an elevator.

Hence, there should be specially-designated lanes or office spaces located at the ground floor for PWDs and senior citizens to transact their official businesses.

Thus, the immediate passage of this measure is most earnestly sought.

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## EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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#### AN ACT

REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF A SPECIAL LANE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OFFICES FOR EASY ACCESS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) AND SENIOR CITIZENS WHEN TRANSACTING THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'PWDs and Senior Citizens Ease of Doing Business Act of 2019'.

- SEC. 2. A special lane for senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be provided and located at the ground floor of every government or private office for the transaction of their official businesses.
- SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,