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House Resolution No. __



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10754 OR THE ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) AND ON THE PROCESS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE PWD

WHEREAS, the State shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, the enactment of Republic Act No. 10754 grants any Filipino with "long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others" to get a standard identification card for Persons with Disability (PWD);

WHEREAS, those who wish to apply for a PWD ID need to prepare the requirements as proof of entitlement, which include a document or a certificate confirming the medical or disability condition, and submit it to the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of the city hall or municipal hall of residence, the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, the City/Municipal Health Office or its satellite offices, the Office of the Mayor, or the Office of the Barangay Captain;

WHEREAS, those who are issued with the PWD ID can avail a twenty percent (20%) discount and Value Added Tax (VAT) exemption plus a five percent (5%) on basic necessities and prime commodities;

WHEREAS, due to the decentralized issuance of the PWD IDs, there is a possibility of abuse by some unethical and imprudent individuals like those who have listed illegitimate beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, there have been reports on individuals who fake their disability to get a PWD ID in order to enjoy PWD discounts and privileges and on fixers giving the guarantee of the issuance of PWD IDs to those interested;

WHEREAS, these cases of abuse challenge the essence of the law which aims to ensure that only those with legitimate disability are granted with benefits they truly deserve;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, urging the appropriate House Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10754 or the Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability (PWD) and on the process of the issuance of the identification card for the PWD.

Approved,

ERIC GO YAP
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