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**REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA YOUNG ERIGUEL, M.D.**

Chairperson

Committee on Social Services

House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear **Representative Eriguel:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill No. 1584 entitled, "An Act Granting Additional Privileges to Marginalized Persons with Disability, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" introduced by Representative Alfredo D. Vargas III, which aims to provide free assistive technology devices to marginalized persons with disabilities (PWDs).

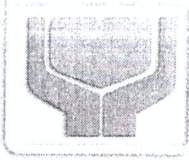
To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

1. On **Sec. 2 – Provision of Free Assistive Technology Devices:** Instead of enumerating the categories of disability, consider adopting persons with disabilities as an umbrella term.
2. Under **Sec. 5 - Rules and Regulations:** To include the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH) and organizations of PWDs.
3. The Committee may already consult organizations of PWDs on the variety of assistive technology devices they need and whether these are available in the local market to determine the feasibility of the legislative proposal.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
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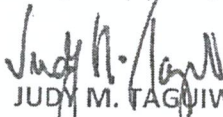
The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports House Bill No. 1586 entitled, "An Act Providing for Lifetime Validity of Persons with Disability Identification Cards, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9442" introduced by Representative Alfredo D. Vargas III, which proposes the lifetime validity of IDs for persons with permanent disability.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we recommend putting up a monitoring mechanism to ensure that the use of this ID, especially by concerned caregivers and guardians, is not abused especially in case of death of the PWD.

Further, we propose the inclusion of a provision for the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to be participated in by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH) and organizations of PWDs.

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