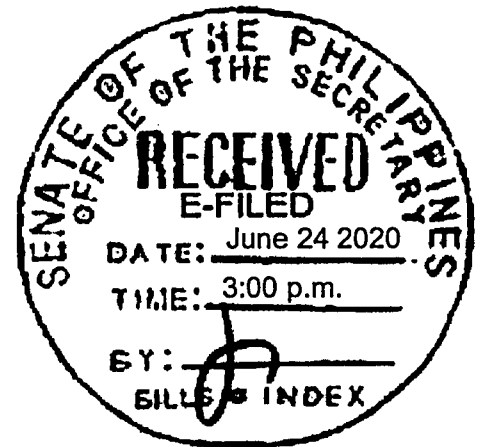


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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF "FAKE" PWD IDENTIFICATION CARDS (PWD-IC) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASSESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 OR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10754 OR AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND INSTITUTING SAFEGUARDS WHERE APPROPRIATE**

1           WHEREAS, in 2016, Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons  
2 was amended by Republic Act No. 10754 or An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges  
3 of Persons with Disability (PWD) to assist PWDs by providing them a 20% discount and  
4 value added tax (VAT) exemption on goods and services such as hotels and lodging  
5 establishments, restaurants, entertainment centers, drugs and medicines, medical and  
6 dental services, air and sea travel, and public transportation;

7           WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Census of Population and Housing of the  
8 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), 1.57% or 1.44 million Filipinos had disabilities;

9           WHEREAS, a viral photo, showing an entire family with PWD Identification Cards  
10 (PWD-ICs), made rounds on social media on 20 June 2020 which – according to  
11 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon Lopez – led to several  
12 restaurant owners complaining and reaching out to the department regarding alleged  
13 fraudulent uses of PWD-ICs in their establishments;

14           WHEREAS, in an article by ANC, restaurant owners shared stories of what they  
15 thought were questionable uses of the privileges under R.A. No. 7277 as amended by

1 R.A. No. 10754 such as serving a family of nine members – all of which, including young  
2 children, had PWD-IDCs;

3 WHEREAS, ACT-CIS Representative Eric Yap also revealed a scheme where fixers  
4 can give out PWD-IDCs to individuals who do not have any form of disability for a certain  
5 fee;

6 WHEREAS, Secretary Lopez announced that the department, through its Fair Trade  
7 Enforcement Bureau (FTEB), is currently investigating the alleged proliferation of fake  
8 PWD-IDCs and has called on establishments and citizens to report this form of corruption  
9 to the National Council of Disability Affairs (NCDA), the National Bureau of Investigation  
10 (NBI), and the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC);

11 WHEREAS, exploitation on the use of the benefits and privileges specifically  
12 intended to help alleviate any financial burden encountered by PWDs should not be  
13 tolerated. It should also be highlighted that, during this period, establishments like  
14 restaurants, entertainment centers and hotels are still struggling from the effects of the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic;

16 WHEREAS, the continued fraudulent usage of PWD-IDCs could also be detrimental  
17 to real PWDs who are in actual need of the benefits and privileges under the law as these  
18 PWDs may be discriminated by establishments;

19 WHEREAS, this recent development calls for a thorough review of the law to  
20 determine how it can be amended to efficiently implement the benefits and privileges of  
21 our PWDs and at the same time protect our establishments against abuses;

22 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, for the appropriate Senate Committee to  
23 investigate, in aid of legislation, the alleged proliferation of "fake" PWD Identification  
24 Cards (PWD-IDC) with the end in view of assessing the implementation of Republic Act  
25 No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act No.  
26 10754 or an Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability and  
27 instituting safeguards where appropriate.

28 *Adopted,*

  
**SONNY ANGARA**