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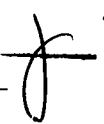


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THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As enshrined in the 1987 Constitution:

"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill among health consciousness."

This bill embodies this policy by requiring the inclusion of blood type information of owner-holder of certificates, licenses, and identification cards be 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.

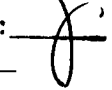
In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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*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 the "*Blood Type Identification*
2 *Act of 2016.*"
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - In order to promote public health, it is hereby
5 declared the policy of the State to promote awareness about the importance of blood type
6 which is to be found in all government-issued identification cards and to facilitate immediate
7 transfusion during medical emergencies.
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9 **SEC. 3. Blood Type Identification.** - The Government Service Insurance System
10 (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC),
11 the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Department
12 of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Local Treasurer's Office, the Local Registrar's Office and other
13 pertinent agencies which may later be identified or created upon the effectivity of this Act
14 shall indicate in their issued certificates, licenses and identification cards the blood type of
15 the owner-holder.
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17 **SEC. 4. Coverage.** - The following government-issued identification documents shall
18 bear the blood type of its owner-holder:

19 a) Certificates:

- 20 1. Birth Certificate or Certificate of Live Birth; and
21 2. Community Tax Certificate, as issued by the Local Treasurer's Office.
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23 b) Licenses:

- 24 1. Driver's license, as issued by the LTO; and
25 2. Firearms license, as issued by the PNP.
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27 c) Identification Cards:

- 28 1. SSS Card, as issued by the SSS;
29 2. GSIS Card, as issued by the GSIS;
30 3. Passport as issued by the DFA; and

1 4. Professional Identification Card (PIC), as issued by the PRC and such other
2 certificates, licenses and/or identification documents that the other agencies
3 not yet stated in Section 3 may issue in the same classification as enumerated
4 above.

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6 **SEC. 5. Prohibited Act.** - It shall be unlawful for any person to deliberately bear false
7 information as to one's blood type on any certificate, license and other government
8 identification card.

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10 **SEC. 6. Penal Provision.** - Violations of Section 5 of this Act shall be punishable by
11 a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not more than Ten thousand pesos
12 (P10,000.00). Any person in government office who violates the provisions of this Act shall,
13 in addition to the penalty stated above, be dismissed from government service.

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15 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
16 shall be charged to the appropriations of the implementing agencies under the General
17 Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued
18 implementation shall be included in the GAA.

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20 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - All government implementing
21 agencies, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall formulate the rules and
22 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months of its
23 effectivity.

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25 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** - In the event that any provision. of this Act is declared
26 unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

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28 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and
29 other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
30 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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32 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
33 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,