



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6709

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AGLIPAY, ILAGAN, MARIANO, TREÑAS, UMALI (C.), CO, GARBIN AND  
DE JESUS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2473

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE  
INSETS FOR LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS  
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)"

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended,  
2 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)",  
3 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4           "SEC. 22. *Broadcast Media.* -- ALL FREE-TO-AIR

5           [T]Television stations [shall be encouraged] ARE REQUIRED to

6           provide [a] FILIPINO sign[-]language insets, AND WHERE

1 POSSIBLE, CLOSED CAPTIONS or subtitles in at least [one (1)]  
2 TWO (2) newscast programs a day and special programs covering  
3 events of national significance.

4 "THE FREE-TO-AIR TELEVISION STATIONS MAY LIKEWISE  
5 OPT TO PROVIDE FOR FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INSETS IN  
6 OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE PERTAINING TO CULTURAL  
7 AFFAIRS, LIVELIHOOD AND THOSE CATERING TO CHILDREN."

8 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,  
9 resolutions, orders, ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the  
10 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
12 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,

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