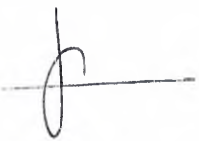


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" (Article II, Section 15)

The Constitution also says, "*The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.*" (Article XIII, Section 11).

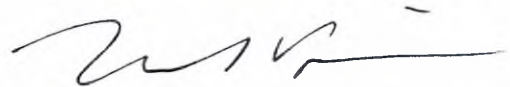
The importance of knowing one's blood type is to prevent the risk of receiving an incompatible blood type in time of need, such as during a blood transfusion or during surgery. If two different blood types are mixed, it can lead to a clumping of blood cells that can be potentially fatal.

Should time be of the essence in saving one's life, instead of administering a blood type test, time can be saved if the blood type of a person is indicated in his/her identification.

Another important reason to know one's blood type is when his/her specific blood type is needed. Institutions and persons are often looking for potential donors and will put a call out to the public when there is a need to help others who have been in accidents, are in treatments, or need surgery.

This Bill seeks to mandate all government agencies to indicate in identification cards, certificates and licenses, the applicant's blood type, as certified by a pathologist.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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
2 Identification Act."

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and
4 promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.
5 Towards this end, the State shall implement measures that would ensure the safety
6 of lives during disasters and medical emergency situations.

7 Sec. 3. *Blood Type Identification.* – All government agencies shall indicate the
8 blood type of the individual applying for an identification card, certificate, or license.
9 For the purpose of this Act, an individual's blood type must be duly certified by a
10 pathologist.

11 Sec. 4. *Coverage.* – The following government-issued documents shall bear the
12 blood type of an individual, to wit:

- 1 a) Identification Cards as issued by the Social Security System (SSS),
2 Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Passport by the
3 Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Professional Identification
4 Card by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);
5 b) Birth Certificate as issued by the Local Registrar's Office or the
6 National Statistics Office;
7 c) Driver's License as issued as issued by the Land Transportation
8 Office (LTO) and Firearms license by the Philippine National Police
9 (PNP); and
10 d) Such other certificates, licenses or identification documents that
11 have yet to be issued by agencies to be created after the effectivity
12 of this Act.

13 *Sec 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Health
14 (DOH), in coordination with all the concerned government implementing agencies,
15 shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this
16 Act within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act.

17 *Sec 6. Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this
18 Act shall be charged to the appropriations or corporate funds of the implementing
19 agencies and corporations.

20 *Sec 7. Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
22 remain in force and effect.

23 *Sec 8. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
24 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this
25 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

26 *Sec 9. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
27 complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,