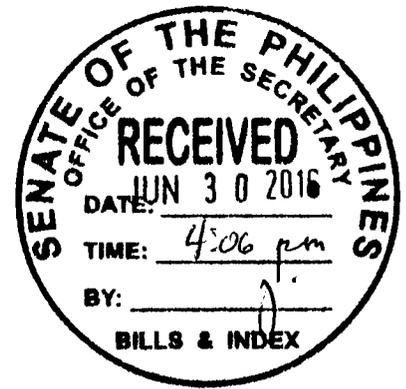


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A person's correct blood type is vital information that can save lives. Knowing the correct blood type of a person during medical emergencies, especially in times of disaster, allows immediate action, including blood transfusion if necessary.

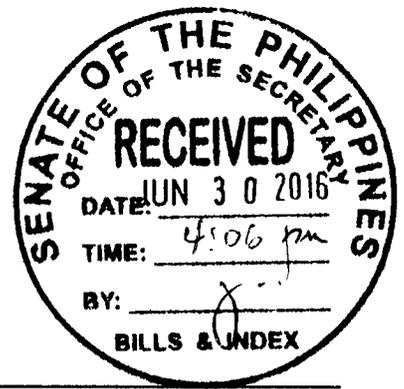
Blood received in a transfusion must have the same antigens as the donee's blood. If two different blood types are mixed together, the blood cells may begin to clump together in the blood vessels, with antibodies in the donee's plasma destroying the donor blood cells and causing a potentially fatal situation. Thus, it is important that blood types must be matched before blood transfusions and transplantation procedures take place. If the recipient and donor are of different blood types, transplantation has been proven to present challenging considerations for transfusion both during and after the procedure.

This bill proposes to require all certificates, licenses, and identification cards issued by the government to provide the correct blood type of the person therein. Any person who provides or causes to provide false blood type information with malice or gross negligence shall be penalized. Through this bill, the safety of citizens in case of any medical emergency is ensured. It will also aid blood banks such as those maintained by the Philippine Red Cross and hospitals to effectively and efficiently dispense their blood services.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the Blood Identification Act.

2 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
3 promote public health and ensure the safety of all citizens by requiring the correct blood  
4 type information on all government-issued certificates, licenses, and identification cards  
5 of the person therein in case of any medical emergency necessitating such vital  
6 information to save lives.

7 Sec. 3. *Coverage.* – All government-issued certificates, licenses, and  
8 identification cards, including but not limited to the following, are hereby required to  
9 provide the correct blood type of the person therein:

10 (a) Certificates;

11 (1) Certificate of Live Birth;

12 (2) National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance; and

13 (3) Police Clearance as issued by the Philippine National Police (PNP);

14 (b) Licenses;

15 (1) Driver's license, as issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO);

16 and

17 (2) Firearms license, as issued by the PNP;

18 (c) Identification Cards;

19 (1) Passport as issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);

20 (2) Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) ID;

21 (3) Postal ID as issued by the Philippine Postal Corporation;

22 (4) Voter's ID as issued by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC);

23 (5) Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Card;

24 (6) Social Security System (SSS) Card; and

25 (7) any other national ID.

1           Sec. 4. *Penalty.* – Any person who provides or causes to provide false blood type  
2 information on any government-issued certificates, licenses, and identification cards  
3 with malice or gross negligence shall be punished by a fine of not more than Twenty-  
4 Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00) in addition to any administrative, civil, or other  
5 criminal liability.

6           Sec. 5. *Implementing Agencies.* – The relevant government agencies including  
7 but not limited to those enumerated in Sec. 3 shall implement the provisions of this Act.

8           Sec. 6. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health (DOH), in  
9 coordination with the implementing agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations  
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months from its  
11 effectivity.

12           Sec. 7. *Appropriation.* – The initial funding to carry out the provisions of this Act  
13 shall be charged against the current year's appropriation. Thereafter, such sums as may  
14 be necessary shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

15           Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
16 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
17 repealed or modified accordingly.

18           Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
19 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
20 remain in force and effect.

21           Sec. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the  
22 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general  
23 circulation in the Philippines.

24           Approved,