

**Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Act, B.E. 2550 (2007)**

Translation

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Given on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September B.E.2550Being the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of the Present Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is appropriate to modify the Legislation on Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY THE KING, by and with the advice and consent of the National legislative Assembly, as follows:

**Section 1**

This Act shall be called the "Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Act, B.E. 2550 (2007)"

**Section 2**

This Act shall be in force from the day subsequent to the date of announcement in the Royal Gazette onwards.

**Section 3**

It is hereby revoked the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, B.E. 2534 (1991)

**Section 4**

In this Act:

"Persons with Disabilities/ Disabled Persons" shall mean persons who encounter certain limitations in performing their daily activities or social participation due to their impairment in vision, hearing, mobility, communication, mind, emotion, conduct, intellect, learning or any other impairment/disabilities along with various difficulties, and specifically need some assistance to enable them perform their daily activities or social participation same as ordinary persons. The types and prescriptions of disabilities shall be as determined and announced by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security.

"Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons" shall mean promotion of the capacity or ability of disabled persons to become better, or sustaining their previous capacity or ability by medical, religious, educational, social, occupational processes or other processes to enhance disabled persons to access employment chance or be integrated into the society with their full capacity.

"Promotion and development of life quality" shall mean rehabilitation of disabled persons, provision of welfare, promotion and protection of their right, support of their autonomy, human dignity and equality same as others, their full and efficient social integration under the environments accessible and usable to them.

"Government or public agencies" shall mean ministries, departments, any government agencies otherwise called but having the same status as a department, regional agencies, local administration organizations, state enterprises established by an act or legislation, or any other agencies of the government.

"Organization of each type of disabilities" shall mean a national representative organization established by a means of classification according to types of disabilities and getting recorded/registered at the relevant offices prescribed in the Rules of the Commission.

"The Fund" shall mean the Fund for Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons.

"The Commission" shall mean the National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons.

“Caregivers of disabled persons” shall mean parents, children, husband, wife, relatives, brothers, sisters or any other persons who take care or support a person with disabilities.

“Helpers of disabled persons” shall mean a person who provides assistance to a disabled individual to enable such individual to perform necessary activities to survive him/herself pursuant to the Rules prescribed by the Commission.

“Secretary General” shall mean the Secretary General of the National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons.

“The Office” shall mean the National Office of Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons.

“Officers” shall mean officers designated by the Minister to observe and implement this Act.

“Minister” shall mean the Minister who takes charge of tasks under this Act.

## **Section 5**

The National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons shall comprise the Prime Minister to act as the President, the Minister of Social Development and Human Security as the Vice President, while the members of the Commission shall consist of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labor, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, representatives of organizations of each type of disabilities in a total number of seven persons appointed by the Prime Minister taking account of proportions of number of their members, and six specialists appointed by the Prime Minister.

The Secretary General shall act as member cum secretary, and the Commission shall appoint a public servant of the Office to act as the Assistant Secretary.

## **Section 6**

The Commission shall have authority and responsibility as follows:

- (1) To propose to the Cabinet policies, master plans and programs/projects of promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons for the Cabinet’s approval and assignment to those relevant government agencies to implement within the scope of their authority and responsibility respectively. In such regard, those policies shall be orientated in compliance and compatibility with the obligations Thailand has towards the world community.
- (2) To provide recommendations to the Minister who takes charge of issuing the Ministerial Rules pursuant to Section 20 (6), Section 33, Section 34 first paragraph and Section 37 first paragraph.
- (3) To provide recommendations and counseling to the Minister who is in charge of policies or other laws of the State that may impact on disabled persons.
- (4) To set up rules and practice on how to assist, promote, support and develop life quality of disabled persons for the government agencies and the private entities involved to implement in order to adequately and equally provide knowledge/technical assistance, subsidies, facilities or services to persons with disabilities.
- (5) To determine and issue an order to revoke any discriminatory acts or to prohibit any discriminatory treatment performed toward disabled persons.
- (6) To consider to support and assist activities of both the public and the private entities concerning promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons.
- (7) To set up rules and regulations on administration of the Fund, acquirement of its fruitfulness and management of the Fund as consented by the Ministry of

Finance, and in compliance with the rules on approval of financial assistance to promote and develop life quality of disabled persons, regulations on preparation of reports on status and management of the Fund, regulations on receiving of money, payment, maintenance of the Fund and cutting out non-payment debts under consent given by the Ministry of Finance, and other related regulations and rules for the purpose of implementation of this Act.

- (8) To organize/arrange national main activities in order to promote and develop life quality of disabled persons.
- (9) To approve projects or programs where to use the monies of the Fund, that are beyond the authority and responsibility of the Fund Administration Committee.
- (10) To establish standards, certify, accept or revoke licenses of any representative organizations of disabled persons or other organizations that provide services to disabled persons, under the rules prescribed by the Commission.
- (11) To undertake other tasks as prescribed by the law.

### **Section 7**

Those members appointed by the Prime Minister shall be in their office for 3 years' term counting from the day of appointment.

After the term set forth in the first paragraph has expired, a new member shall be elected in replacement within sixty days. During the vacancy, the member who retires in rotation shall maintain in his/her office to continually perform his/her duties until the new member has been appointed to succeed him/her.

Any retired member in rotation is re-eligible.

### **Section 8**

Apart from retirement in rotation, a member appointed by the Prime Minister may retire from his/her office for the following reasons:

- (1) Death;
- (2) Resignation;
- (3) Bankruptcy;
- (4) Becoming incapable or quasi-incapable;
- (5) Being sentenced to imprisonment for the final judgment, except an offense by carelessness or petty offense;
- (6) Being dismissed by the Prime Minister.

### **Section 9**

In case a member appointed by the Prime Minister retires prior to the expiry of his/her term, the Prime Minister shall elect a new member in replacement. In this connection, that new member shall be in the office for the remaining period of term of the former member whose vacancy s/he fills.

### **Section 10**

A meeting of the Commission shall attain a quorum when not less than one half of total members attending that meeting.

In case the President of the Commission is absent or unable to perform his duties, the Vice President shall act on his behalf. If the Vice President is also absent or unable to perform his duties, a member among those who attend such meeting shall be elected to act on behalf of the President.

The decision of the meeting shall be passed by a majority vote. Each member shall have one vote. In case of equal votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to the casting vote.

The meetings of the Commission shall be held not less than three times a year.

## **Section 11**

For the purpose of the chance to be effectively provided covering all persons with disabilities to achieve their well-being, the Commission shall substitute various committees, i.e., committees for each type of disabilities, provincial committees of disabled persons in each province, and other significant committees to take charge of consideration or implementation of any plans launched by the Commission.

Members, their qualifications and their prohibitive characteristics, their term of office and retirement of members of those committees stipulated in the first paragraph shall be prescribed by the Commission.

Each committee as stipulated in the first paragraph shall have at least one disabled member who holds a disability ID card pursuant to Section 19.

The provisions in Section 10 shall be applicable mutatis mutandis to meetings of such committees as stipulated in the first paragraph.

## **Section 12**

The National Office of Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons shall be established as an agency under the charge of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, but it is not a department subject to Section 18, fourth paragraph of the Act on the Rules of State Administration, B.E. 2534 (1991), amended by the Act on the Rules of State Administration (Issue 5), B.E. 2545 (2002). This Office shall be presided over by its Secretary General who is of the rank equal to a director general.

Such Secretary General shall be an ordinary civil servant nominated by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security to the Cabinet for appointment.

## **Section 13**

The Office shall have authority and responsibility as follows:

- (1) To interact and cooperate with the government agencies that take charge of policies and strategies, agencies, other entities of the public and the private sectors which are involved in the tasks both at national and international levels; in order to implement and interact among themselves at the policy, the strategic and the plan/program levels on the tasks of promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons.
- (2) To survey, study, analyze, collect, compile and save data and information about disabled persons, conditions of their life quality for the purpose of prevention, treatments, rehabilitation of disabled persons, as well as to prepare a plan, analysis, research, monitoring and appraisal of the relevant output to present to the Commission.
- (3) To prepare a plan on promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons in order to propose to the Commission.
- (4) To encourage establishment; implementation; strengthening of representative organizations of disabled persons, so that these organizations can effectively protect the right of disabled persons; as well as to support and interact with government agencies to allocate budgets for such organizations to promote and develop disabled persons to achieve their well-being.
- (5) To perform any other duties as prescribed in this Act or other laws or prescribed by the Cabinet or assigned by the Commission.

## **Section 14**

For the purpose of implementation of this Act, the Officers shall have authority and responsibility as follows:

- (1) Notify in writing to employers or owners of business to clarify the relevant facts or provide information about their operation, send their representative(s) to clarity or give statements, or submit documents or other evidence to support consideration and determination to be made by the Officers.

- (2) To notify in writing to the parties involved to give statements or submit documents clarifying the facts or submit documents or other evidence to support consideration and determination to be made by the Officers.

### **Section 15**

Orientation of policies, rules, regulations, measures, projects or practice of the public agencies, the private entities or any other parties, wherein any and all discriminatory and unfair acts or treatment shall be prohibited.

The discriminatory and unfair acts or treatment toward disabled persons as stipulated in the first paragraph shall mean any acts/actions or omission even without direct discriminatory intention against disabled persons, but their result causes disadvantages or loss of the right entitled to such disabled person, on the ground of his/her disabilities.

Any discrimination that may arise from or for reasons of science and knowledge, custom and tradition or public interests may be performed in a necessary and proper way to the circumstances on a case-by-case basis, and shall not be deemed as the discriminatory and unfair acts mentioned in the first and second paragraphs. However, in all cases, it is provided such discriminator shall undertake the possible and necessary measures to remedy or protect the right or interests of disabled persons.

### **Section 16**

Disabled persons who are treated or will be treated in a discriminatory and unfair way pursuant to Section 14, shall be entitled to request the Commission to revoke or prohibit such action, thereby the order of the Commission shall be deemed as finalized.

Such request stipulated in the first paragraph shall not waive the right of the claimer in further suing the discriminator before the law court for indemnity in a case of violation of right. The Court shall then be entitled to determine other additional indemnity that may not be pecuniary indemnity to the Claimant. In case such discrimination is done with intention or severe carelessness, the Court may, in addition, punitively impose the penalties from the discriminator to the Claimant of not exceeding four times of the actual damages.

Criteria and ways of either the request or the determination as mentioned in the first paragraph shall be in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Commission.

### **Section 17**

In exercise of the right pursuant to Section 16, disabled persons or their caregivers may ask their relevant representative organization to take actions or legal proceedings on their behalf.

The litigation mentioned in Section 16 second paragraph either undertaken by disabled persons themselves or by their relevant representative organization in their behalf, shall be exempt from the court fees.

### **Section 18**

The Office shall serve as the central register office of disabled persons in Bangkok Metropolis, with its Secretary General acting as the central registrar. For other provinces, the Provincial Offices of Social Development and Human Security, apart from their ordinary duties, shall additionally serve as the provincial register offices of disabled persons in their provinces; thereby the Provincial Social Development Officers shall act as the provincial registrars.

### **Section 19**

For the purpose of their access to the right entitled under Section 20, disabled persons may apply to the central registrar or the provincial registrars at the central register office, provincial register offices or other places prescribed by the Rules of the Commission, for their disability ID cards.

In case such disabled person is a minor, a quasi-incapable or incapable person, or if such disabled person has severe disabilities making him/her unable to apply for the ID card themselves, their parents, guardians, or caregivers, as the case maybe, shall apply for

them; provided those persons shall show the evidence verifying disabilities to the central registrar or the provincial registrar, as the case may be.

Application for disability ID cards and issuing of such cards, determination or modification or waiving of the right, and validity of the cards, shall be in compliance with criteria, methods and conditions set forth by the Commission in its Rules.

## **Section 20**

Persons with disabilities shall be entitled to access and use public facilities including other welfare and assistance provided by the State as follows:

- (1) Services of rehabilitation by medical processes along with expenses incurred in treatments, equipment, helping devices and development enhancement medias in order to adjust their physical, mental, emotional, social, conduct, intellectual, learning condition or strengthen their capacity, as prescribed by the Minister of Public Health.
- (2) Education as set forth in the legislation on national education or the national education plan, which suits their physical and mental condition in a specific educational institute, a general educational institute, an alternative education or non-formal education, where the agencies involved shall be responsible for providing suitable and necessary facilities, medias, services and any other educational assistance for disabled persons.
- (3) Rehabilitation for occupations, standard services, labor protection, employment security measures, including promotion of self-employment, as well as media services, facilities, technologies or any other assistance to enable them to access employment chance under criteria, methods and conditions prescribed by the Minister of Labor.
- (4) Being accepted and fully integrated or efficiently participating in social, economic and political activities equal to others, including accessing necessary facilities and services for them.
- (5) Assistance to access public policies, plans, projects, programs, activities, development and services, requisite products for living, legal assistance and providing attorneys and lawyers to defend for them, which shall be in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Commission.
- (6) Data, information, news, communications, telecommunication services, information technologies and communications, and technologies facilitating communications for all types of disabilities, including public media services provided by the public agencies or the private entities which are subsidized by the State, under criteria, methods and conditions prescribed by the Minister of Information Technologies and Communications in the Ministerial Rules.
- (7) Services of sign interpreters pursuant to the Rules prescribed by the Commission.
- (8) Right to bring or take a guide animal, equipment or accessories or helping devices with them during a journey on any vehicles or during stay in any places, and right to receive public facilities free of charge for themselves and exempt from any additional fees for such animal, equipment, accessories or helping devices.
- (9) Welfare of allowance for disabilities under criteria and methods prescribed in the Rules of the Commission.
- (10) Modification of their housing, environment, provision of a helper or any other services under criteria and methods prescribed in the Rules of the Commission.

Helpers of disabled persons shall be entitled to deduction of or exemption from service fees and charges pursuant to the Rules of the Commission.

Disabled persons who have no caregivers shall be entitled to housing and care provided by the public agencies. In case there are homes provided by the private entities, the

government shall subsidize such private homes under criteria and methods prescribed in the Rules of the Commission.

Disabled persons and their caregivers shall be entitled to tax deduction or exemption as prescribed by the law.

Any private entities that provide benefits to disabled persons as stipulated in this Section, shall be entitled to tax deduction or exemption at the permissible percentage ratio of their incurred expenses as prescribed by the law.

#### **Section 21**

For the purpose of promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons, local administration organizations shall issue their statutes, municipal ordinances, provisions, rules, regulations or notifications, as the case may be, in compliance with this Act.

#### **Section 22**

Any public agencies that directly take charge of any tasks stipulated herein shall promote and develop life quality of disabled persons pursuant to the scope of their authority.

#### **Section 23**

A Fund shall be established within the Office, which shall be called the "Fund for Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons", to serve as the fund for expenditure on protection and development of life quality of disabled persons, promotion and undertaking support and assistance to disabled persons, their rehabilitation, education and occupations.

#### **Section 24**

The Fund shall consist of

- (1) Property, right, liabilities, budgets and income collected in the Rehabilitation Fund for Persons with Disabilities under the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, B.E. 2534 (1991) which are transferred under Section 42.
- (2) Subsidy from the government, which the government shall sufficiently allocate for promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons.
- (3) Money or property donated to support the objectives of the Fund.
- (4) Income from lotteries or from activities.
- (5) Contributions made by employers or owners of business to the Fund subject to Section 34.
- (6) Fruits from the money or property of the Fund.
- (7) Income from sale, investment or gain from property of the Fund.
- (8) Money or property turns to become in the possession of the Fund or any funds receivable pursuant to the law or from transactions.
- (9) Some part of product or service taxes obtained on the ground of disabilities as prescribed by the law.
- (10) Other income.

Money and property of the Fund subject to the first paragraph shall be exempt from contribution to the State income as collected by the Ministry of Finance.

Regarding any donation of money or property to the Fund, the donators shall be entitled to tax deduction or exemption as prescribed by the law.

#### **Section 25**

There shall be a committee to administer the Fund, which comprises Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security acting as the President, while its members consist of representatives of the following Ministries and agencies, i.e., the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Health, the Bureau of the Budget, the Comptroller-General's Department; and nine

specialists appointed by the Commission, among these specialists at least seven persons shall be delegates from representative organizations of disabled persons. The Secretary General of this Committee shall act as a member cum secretary.

### **Section 26**

The Fund Administration Committee shall have the following authority and responsibility:

- (1) Administer the Fund including invest, gain any interests or fruits, and manage the Fund in accordance with the Rules of the Commission approved by the Ministry of Finance.
- (2) Consider to approve payments, projects, fix the amount and cost to support programs or projects on promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons proposed by committees of each type of disabilities, provincial committees of promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons or other committees. It is provided such approval and procedure shall be in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Commission.
- (3) Report to the Commission the financial status and administration of the Fund in the ways as prescribed in the Rules of the Commission.

### **Section 27**

The Council of Disabled People of Thailand shall receive subsidy for its expenses in administration of the Fund under criteria and methods prescribed by the Commission in its Rules.

### **Section 28**

Receiving of money, payments, keeping money of the Fund, and cutting out non-payment debts shall be in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Commission and approved by the Ministry of Finance.

### **Section 29**

The Fund Administration Committee shall prepare and have the financial statements of the Fund audited within one hundred and twenty days counting from the ending day of each fiscal year.

The Office of the Auditor-General of Thailand shall act as the auditor of the Fund in each year and prepare its audit report and propose to the Commission.

### **Section 30**

It shall be set up the committee to monitor and appraise the operation of the Fund which comprises its President and five specialist members who are nominated and appointed from those who are expert, capable and have experience in finance, work monitoring and appraisal, and promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons. Among these five members, there shall be two persons having expertise in work appraisal. In addition, there shall also be at least one disabled member who holds a disability ID card pursuant to Section 19, as well as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to be appointed by the Undersecretary of that Ministry to act as a member cum secretary.

Those who hold membership as stipulated in the first paragraph shall not be a representative of any organizations subsidized by the Fund.

### **Section 31**

The Monitoring and Appraisal Committee of the Fund shall have the authority and responsibility as follows:

- (1) Monitor, inspect and appraise the operation of the Fund.
- (2) Report the result of operation along with recommendations to the Commission.



The Monitoring and Appraisal Committee of the Fund shall be entitled to request relevant documentation or evidence concerning the Fund from any persons, or call any persons to give explanation or information to support its consideration in appraisal.

### **Section 32**

The provisions of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 third paragraph shall *mutatis mutandis* be applicable to the membership, the termination of membership, the meetings of the Fund Administration Committee pursuant to Section 25, and of the Monitoring and Appraisal Committee of the Fund pursuant to Section 30.

### **Section 33**

For the purpose of promotion and development of life quality of disabled persons, employers and owners of business, and public agencies shall employ disabled persons to work in the positions suitable to them in proper proportions of the entire number of their workforce. In this connection, the Minister of Labor shall issue its Ministerial Rules to specify number of disabled employees the employers or the owners of business or the public agencies shall recruit as their workforce.

### **Section 34**

Any employer or owner of business who does not recruit or employ disabled persons as his/her employees in such number as stipulated in Section 33, shall make contributions to the Fund pursuant to Section 24 (5). The Minister of Labor shall issue its Ministerial Rules to specify the amount of money such employer or owner of business shall contribute to the Fund.

Any employer or owner of business who is obligated to contribute to the Fund subject to the first paragraph, but fails to do so, delays to do or makes contributions in shortage, shall pay interest at the rate of seven and a half percent per annum of the outstanding amount.

The employers or owners of business who employ disabled employees or make contributions to the Fund as stipulated in the first paragraph, shall be entitled to tax exemption at the permissible percentage ratio of the amount of wages/salaries such employers pay to their disabled employees or of the amount they contribute to the Fund, as the case may be. It is provided all of these procedures shall be performed in compliance with the law.

### **Section 35**

In case any public agency does not want to recruit disabled persons as its workforce under Section 33, or any employer or owner of business does not recruit or employ disabled persons under Section 33, nor does s/he want to make contributions to the Fund under Section 34, such public agency, employer or owner of business may, in substitution, grant concessions, arrange a place to supply goods or services, employ under a temporary employment contract, provide training or any other assistance to disabled persons or their caregivers. However, these shall be performed in accordance with criteria and methods prescribed by the Commission in its Rules.

### **Section 36**

The Secretary General shall be entitled to issue a written order to enforce forfeiture of property of any employer or owner of business who neglects to contribute to the Fund under Section 34.

Such order to forfeit the property mentioned in the first paragraph shall be done only after a written notice having been given by sending via a registered mail with the acknowledgement slip return service, notifying that employer or owner of business to contribute to the Fund or remit the outstanding amount within the prescribed period; provided in all cases it shall not be less than thirty days from the day of receiving such notice, and such employer or owner of business still fails to pay that sum within such prescribed period.

Criteria and methods of forfeiture of property subject to the first paragraph shall be in accordance with the regulations specified by the Minister of Social Development and Human

Security. However, the criteria and methods as set forth under the civil procedure code may be applicable mutatis mutandis.

### **Section 37**

The Minister of Social Development and Human Security, the Minister of Transport and Communications and the Minister of Interior shall issue their Ministerial Rules to prescribe aspects, characteristics or provision of equipment, facilities or services required to be provided in buildings, places, vehicles, transportation services or other public services to be accessible and usable to disabled persons.

Owners of buildings, places, vehicles, transportation services or other public services providers who provide such equipment, facilities or services as stipulated in the first paragraph, shall be entitled to tax deduction or exemption at the permissible percentage ratio of the amount of expenses incurred according to the provisions prescribed in the law.

### **Section 38**

Any employer or owner of business who employ disabled persons to work exceeding sixty percent of his/her entire workforce for more than one hundred and eighty days in any taxation year, shall be entitled to tax exemption for such year in compliance with the provisions prescribed in the law.

### **Section 39**

The Office shall have authority to announce or disseminate to the public data and information about implementation or violation or neglect of the provisions as set forth in Sections 33, 34 and 35 at least once a year.

In case the State or any public agency considers approving concessions, promotion of investments, exaltation, granting credits, awarding rewards, royal orders and decorations, or any other benefits to any employer or business place, the data and information mentioned in the first paragraph shall then be taken into account for their decision.

### **Section 40**

Any person, persons fail to observe the order of the Officers under Section 14 shall be penalized of not exceeding five thousand Baht.

### **Section 41**

The disability ID cards under the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, B.E. 2534 (1991) shall be deemed as disability ID cards pursuant to Section 19 hereof.

### **Section 42**

Property, right, liabilities, budgets and income collected in the Rehabilitation Fund for Persons with Disabilities under the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, B.E. 2534 (1991) shall be transferred to become the property of the Fund for Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons hereof.

All budgets and personnel of the Bureau of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities, under the Office of Welfare Promotion, Protection and Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups according to the notification made by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security in the Royal Gazette, shall be transferred to belong to the National Office of Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons.

### **Section 43**

During the time that The National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons as prescribed under this Act has not yet been appointed, the Commission on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities pursuant to the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, B.E. 2534 (1991), which holds its position on the day when this Act becomes in force, shall perform duties of the National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons as set forth herein until the National Commission on Promotion and Development of Life Quality of Disabled Persons has

already been appointed and commenced to work; provided it shall not be exceeding one hundred and eighty days counting from the enforcement day of this Act.

#### **Section 44**

All Ministerial Rules, regulations, notifications and ordinances issued under the Act on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities: 1991, are continually enforceable as far as they are not incompatible with the provisions hereof. This is until the Ministerial Rules, regulations, notifications and ordinances prescribed to be issued under this Act have been issued to supersede.

#### **Section 45**

The Minister of Social Development and Human Security, the Minister of Transport and Communications, the Minister of Information Technologies and Communications, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Labor and the Minister of Public Health, shall execute this Act. Each of these Ministers shall be entitled to designate officers and issue their Ministerial Rules, regulations or notifications to implement this Act under the scope of their authority and responsibility.

Ministerial Rules, regulations or notifications after having been announced in the Royal Gazette, shall become in force.

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