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OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Given on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September B.E. 2550  
Being 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 amend 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”

**Section 2** This Act shall be in force from the day subsequent to the date of announcement in the Royal Gazette onwards.

**Section 3** The Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act B.E. 2534 (1991 A.D.) shall be repealed.

**Section 4** In this Act:

**“Persons with disabilities”** means individuals who have limitations to perform their daily activities or to fully participate

in society due to visual, hearing, mobility, communication, mental, emotional, behavioral, intellectual, learning and/or other impairments, resulting in different types of barriers, and have special needs in order to perform their daily activities and fully participate in society according to the types and criteria of disabilities prescribed by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security;

**“Rehabilitation”** means the process to empower persons with disabilities to develop or maintain their potential and capacity to the maximum level through the medical, religious, educational, social, vocational and other processes so that they can work and live their lives to the fullest capacity;

**“Empowerment”** means the provision of rehabilitation, social welfare, promotion and protection of rights, support for independent living, dignity and equality, support for full and efficient social participation under accessible and barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities;

**“Government Agencies”** means ministries, departments, divisions, government agencies otherwise called but have the same status with departments, regional and local governments, state enterprises set up under the acts or royal decrees, or any other government agencies;

**“Organizations of Persons with Different Types of Disabilities”** means the organizations representing persons with certain types of disabilities at the national level that have registered with the Office according to the regulations prescribed by the National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;

**“Fund”** means Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;

**“Committee”** means National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;

**“Caregivers”** mean parents, children, husbands, wives, relatives, siblings or other persons who take care of persons with disabilities.

**“Personal Assistants”** mean persons who, under the regulations set up by the Committee, provide personal assistance to persons with disabilities in order that they can perform essential daily activities;

**“Secretary General”** means Secretary General of the National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;

**“Office”** means National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;

**“Officers”** mean the officers designated by the Minister to fulfill the Act;

**“Minister”** means the Minister in charge of the enforcement of this Act.

**Section 5** There shall be a National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities consisting of the Prime Minister as Chairperson, Minister of Social Development and Human Security as Vice-Chairperson, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Sports and Tourism, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labor, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, seven representatives from organizations of persons with different types of disabilities appointed by the Prime Minister proportionate with the number of Members of each organization, and six other qualified persons appointed by the Prime Minister, as Members.

The Secretary General of the National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be a Member and Secretary, and the Committee shall appoint officials of the National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as the Assistant Secretaries.

**Section 6** The National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall have the following authorities and duties:

(1) To propose to the Cabinet policies, plans and projects related to the empowerment of persons with disabilities for the Cabinet's approval and assignment to relevant government agencies. Such policies must be in accordance with the international obligations to which Thailand is committed;

(2) To give advice to the Minister in charge of the issuance of the Ministerial Regulations pursuant to Section 20(6), Section 33, Section 34 Paragraph One and Section 37 Paragraph One;

(3) To provide consultation and advice to the Minister in charge concerning government policies and laws that may affect persons with disabilities;

(4) To impose regulations and codes of conduct concerning the assistance, support, promotion and empowerment of persons with disabilities to governmental organizations and related private sector to ensure fair and sufficient support in academy, finance, facilities and services to persons with disabilities;

(5) To judge and order a cease of any discriminatory practice against persons with disabilities;

(6) To promote and support activities of governmental and non-governmental organizations related to the empowerment of persons with disabilities;

(7) To impose regulations on the administration, profit making and management of the Fund, regulations on the approval of disbursement for the empowerment of persons with disabilities, regulations on the reports of financial status and administration of the Fund, regulations on the receipt and disbursement of the Fund, maintenance of the Fund, writing off bad debts, with approval of the Ministry of Finance, and other related regulations for the execution of this Act;

(8) To organize activities at the national level for the empowerment of persons with disabilities,

(9) To approve projects and plans seeking financial support from the Fund in circumstances in which they are beyond the authority of the Sub-Committee on the Administration of the Fund,

(10) To set up standards, approve or remove the registration of Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) or any other organizations that render services to persons with disabilities, under the regulations prescribed by the Committee,

(11) To complete other tasks as regulated under the law.

**Section 7** The Members appointed by the Prime Minister shall hold office for a term of three years, starting from the date of the official appointment.

In a circumstance that a Committee Member's term of office expires according to Paragraph One, the Committee shall appoint a new Member within 60 days. In the meantime, the Member whose term of office has expired shall remain in the position until the new Member is appointed.

A Committee Member whose term of office has expired is eligible for reappointment.

**Section 8** Apart from retirement at the expiration of his/her term of office under Section 7, a Committee Member appointed by the Prime Minister shall vacate his/her office upon:

- (1) Death,
- (2) Resignation,
- (3) Becoming bankrupt,
- (4) Being adjudged incompetent or quasi-incompetent person,
- (5) Being imprisoned pursuant to a final judgment, except for offenses arising out of negligence or for petty offenses,
- (6) Termination by the Prime Minister.

**Section 9** In occasions that a Committee Member appointed by the Prime Minister vacates office before the expiration of his/her term of office, the Prime Minister shall appoint a Member to fill the vacancy. The newly appointed Member shall hold the office for the remaining time of the Member that he/she replaces.

Where there is a new Member appointed while the Committee's term of office is still valid, the new Member shall hold the office for the remaining term of the other Committee Members originally appointed by the Prime Minister.

**Section 10** At a meeting of the Committee, the presence of not less than one-half of the total number of Members is required to constitute a quorum.

In case the Chairperson is not present at the meeting or is unable to perform duties, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting. If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are not present at the meeting or are unable to perform duties, the Members present shall elect one among themselves to preside over the meeting.

A decision of a meeting shall be made upon a majority of votes. In casting votes, each Member shall have one vote. In the



case of an equality of votes, the person presiding over the meeting shall have an additional vote as a casting vote.

There shall be at least three meetings of the Committee in each year.

**Section 11** To ensure the empowerment of persons with disabilities, there shall be a Sub Committee for each type of disabilities, Sub Committees for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in all provinces, and other Sub Committees to complete particular missions/tasks assigned by the Committee.

Members, qualifications, prohibited characteristics, term of office and retirement of the Sub Committee Members mentioned in Paragraph One shall be prescribed by the Committee.

Each Sub Committee mentioned in Paragraph One shall consist of at least one person with disability (ies) that holds a disability identification card pursuant to Section 19.

The regulations on the meetings of the Committee mentioned in Section 10 shall be applicable mutatis mutandis to the regulations on the meetings of the Sub Committees mentioned in Paragraph One of this Section.

**Section 12** The National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be established in the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. The Office will not gain department status in accordance with Section 18 Paragraph Four of the Organization of State Administration Act B.E. 2534, revised by the Organization of State Administration Act (No. 5), B.E. 2545. This Office shall be administered by the Secretary General whose rank is equal to director generals.

The Secretary General is a civil official who is nominated by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security for the approval from the Cabinet before the appointment.

**Section 13** The Office shall have the following authorities and duties:

(1) To coordinate and cooperate with the government agencies in charge of policy making and strategic planning as well as other governmental organizations and related private sector at the domestic and international levels in terms of the cooperation on policies, strategies and plans for the empowerment of persons with disabilities,

(2) To survey, study, analyze, collect and keep data related to persons with disabilities and the situation on quality of life of persons with disabilities for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, and to make plans for the analysis, research, follow-up and evaluation in order to submit to the Committee,

(3) To develop plans for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and submit to the Committee,

(4) To support the establishment, management and empowerment of disabled persons organizations (DPOs) so that they can protect the rights of persons with disabilities, and to coordinate between the government and disabled persons organizations in order that sufficient budget is allocated for these organizations as part of the empowerment of persons with disabilities,

(5) To complete other tasks as prescribed in this Act or other laws or as assigned by the Cabinet or the Committee.

**Section 14** For the implementation of this Act, the Officers shall have the following authorities and duties:

(1) To notify in writing to employers or entrepreneurs to clarify the facts or to give opinions on their business operation, or to send representatives to clarify the facts with or to give statements to the Officers, or to submit documents or other evidences as part of the consideration of the Officers,

(2) To notify in writing to related parties to give statements or clarify the facts in writing, or submit documents or other evidences as part of the consideration of the Officers.

**Section 15** Determination of policies, rules, regulations, measures, projects or practices of the governmental agencies, private entities or individuals that cause discrimination or injustice on persons with disabilities shall be prohibited.

Discriminatory and unjust actions mentioned in Paragraph One include actions or omission of any action that result in the loss of benefits or rights of persons with disabilities on the ground of their disabilities, even though such actions are not done deliberately to discriminate persons with disabilities.

Discriminatory actions with academic, traditional purposes or for public interests can be performed only when deemed necessary and on a case-by-case basis. Such actions are not considered discriminatory and unjust as mentioned in Paragraph One and Paragraph Two. However, the persons in charge of such actions must have measures to support and to protect the rights or interests of persons with disabilities according to their needs.

**Section 16** Persons with disabilities who lose or will lose interests due to discriminatory and unjust actions mentioned in Section 15 shall be entitled to file a petition to the Committee to revoke or prohibit such actions. The order of the Committee shall be deemed final.

The petition mentioned in Paragraph One shall not waive the right of the claimers in suing the discriminators before the Court that has jurisdiction authority in that area for the indemnity in cases of the violation of their rights. The Court has authority to impose other indemnity that may not be pecuniary indemnity for persons with disabilities who are discriminated. In case such

discriminatory and unjust actions are done deliberately or with severe carelessness, the Court may impose the punitive indemnity from the discriminators to the claimer in the amount not exceeding four times of the actual damages.

Criteria and procedures of petition filing and the consideration of the Court pursuant to Paragraph One shall be in accordance with the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

**Section 17** In exercising the right pursuant to Section 16, persons with disabilities or their caregivers may ask relevant disabled persons organizations to file a petition or lawsuit on their behalf.

The lawsuit pursuant to Section 16 Paragraph Two shall be exempted from court fees no matter if it is filed by persons with disabilities or by the relevant disabled persons organizations.

**Section 18** The Office shall serve as the Central Registration Office for persons with disabilities residing in Bangkok, with the Secretary General as the central registrar. For other provinces, the Provincial Offices of Social Development and Human Security, in addition to their regular duties, shall serve as Provincial Registration Offices for persons with disabilities in their provinces, and the Chiefs of Provincial Social Development and Human Security Offices shall Act as the Provincial Registrars.

**Section 19** Any person with disability wishing to avail himself/herself the rights pursuant to Section 20, shall submit an application for a disability identification card to the Central Registrar at the Central Registration Office or to the Provincial Registrar at the Provincial Registration Office or other offices subject to the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

In case the person with disability is a minor, a quasi-incompetent or incompetent person, or severely disabled to the extent that registration by him/her self is not possible, their parents, guardians, custodians or caregivers, as the case may be, may submit the application for registration on his/her behalf. However, the persons acting on behalf of persons with disabilities shall provide the evidence verifying disabilities to the Central Registrar or Provincial Registrar, as the case may be.

The application for disability identification cards, the issuance of disability identification cards, the determination, renunciation and change of the rights of persons with disabilities, and the validity of the cards are subject to the criteria, procedures and conditions of the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

**Section 20** Persons with disabilities have the rights to access and utilize public facilities including welfare services and other supports from the government as follows:

(1) Medical rehabilitation and expenses incurred from treatments, equipments, assistive devices and materials to facilitate all aspects of child development i.e. physical, mental, emotional, social, behavioral, intellectual and learning development, or to enhance their capacity, as prescribed by the Minister of Public Health,

(2) Education in accordance with the National Act on Education or National Plan on Education, which is provided appropriately in specific educational institutes or general educational institutes or alternative education or non-formal education, and where the agencies involved shall be responsible for providing facilities, media, services and any other assistance for persons with disabilities,

(3) Vocational rehabilitation which includes standard services, labor protection, measures for employment promotion and self-

employment promotion, provision of media, facilities, technologies and any other assistance to support work and occupations of persons with disabilities according to the regulations, procedures and conditions prescribed by the Minister of Labor,

(4) Acceptance by society, including full and efficient participation in social, economic and political activities on an equal basis with others as well as the access to facilities and services according to their needs,

(5) Support for the access of public policies, plans, projects, activities, development and services, necessities, legal assistance, provision of lawyers to defend in legal cases, which shall be in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Committee,

(6) Information, communication, telecommunication services, information and communication technology and communication access technology for persons with all types of disabilities as well as public media of the governmental agencies or related private sector that receive financial support from the government according the regulations, procedures and conditions under the Ministerial Regulations prescribed by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology,

(7) Access to sign language interpretation in accordance with the Regulations prescribed by the Committee,

(8) Rights to bring service animals, guiding tools or equipments or other assistive devices with them on vehicles of public transportation or any other public places, and rights to access public facilities, with the exemption of additional payment for service charges, fees and rent for service animals, tools, equipments and assistive devices mentioned earlier.

(9) Allowances for persons with disabilities according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in the Regulations of the Committee,

(10) Modification of housing environment, provision of personal assistants or any other welfare services according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in the Regulations of the Committee,

Personal assistants are eligible for the deduction or exemption on service charges and fees according to the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

Persons with disabilities who do not have caregivers are eligible for welfare services on housing and care provided by government agencies. In case persons with disabilities receive services on housing and care from private entities, such private entities shall be entitled for subsidies from the government, according to the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

Caregivers are entitled for counseling services, trainings on care giving skills, education, career development and employment promotion, and any other assistance for self-reliance, according to the Regulations prescribed by the Committee.

Persons with disabilities and caregivers are entitled for tax deduction or tax exemption as prescribed by the law.

Private entities that support persons with disabilities to acquire and access the rights and interests mentioned in this Section shall be entitled for tax deduction or tax exemption at a certain percentage of the incurred expenses as prescribed by the law.

**Section 21** For the purpose of empowering persons with disabilities, local administration organizations shall issue their statutes, municipal ordinances, provisions, rules of practices, announcements, as the case may be, in compliance with this Act.

**Section 22** Government agencies in charge of particular tasks shall fulfill these tasks for the empowerment of persons with disabilities under the scope of their authority.

**Section 23** There shall be a fund called, “Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities” established within the Office to serve as the fund for expenditure on the protection and empowerment of persons with disabilities and the promotion of welfare services, rehabilitation, education and occupation as well as the promotion and support for the work of disability-related organizations. The Fund must be allocated with justice and accessible for all eligible organizations.

**Section 24** The Fund shall consist of:

(1) Property, rights, liabilities, budgets and income collected in the Rehabilitation Fund for Persons with Disabilities under the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, B.E. 2534 (1991 A.D.) which are transferred to the Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Section 42,

(2) Subsidy from the government in the amount sufficient for the empowerment of persons with disabilities,

(3) Money or property donated to support the objectives of the Fund,

(4) Income from lottery issuance and other income generating activities,

(5) Levy collected from employers or entrepreneurs and sent to the Fund subject to Section 34,

(6) Interests accruing from the money or property of the Fund,

(7) Income from sales, investments and other profit-making activities from the property of the Fund,

(8) Money or property that legally falls to the Fund or money/ property received pursuant to the laws or from legal transactions,



(9) Some parts of product or service taxes collected from certain products and services considered to be major causes of disabilities as prescribed by law,

(10) Other incomes.

Money and property under the Fund in Paragraph One shall be exempted from being sent to the Ministry of Finance as State income.

Donors of money or property to the Fund shall be eligible for tax deduction or exemption as prescribed by the law.

**Section 25** There shall be a Sub-Committee on the Administration of the Fund, which consists of the following Members: Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security as Chairperson, a representative of the Ministry of Interior, a representative of the Ministry of Labor, a representative of the Ministry of Education, a representative of the Ministry of Public Health, a representative of the Budget Bureau, a representative of the Comptroller General's Department, nine distinguished persons appointed by the Committee (Among these nine persons, at least seven are representatives of disabled persons organizations) as Members, and the Secretary-General as Member and Secretary of this Sub-Committee.

**Section 26** The Sub-Committee on the Administration of the Fund shall have the following authorities and duties:

(1) Administer the Fund, which includes the investment, profit making activities and management of the Fund in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Committee and with approval of the Ministry of Finance,

(2) Consider and approve the payments of the Fund, approve projects, determine the payment limit and list of expenses for plans and projects that promote the empowerment of persons

with disabilities proposed by the Sub-Committee on Each Type of Disabilities, Provincial Sub-Committee on the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities or other sub-committees, in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Committee,

(3) Report financial status and the administration of the Fund to the Committee in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Committee.

**Section 27** The Council of Disabled People of Thailand shall receive financial support from the Fund for the administration and management in accordance with the criteria and procedures mentioned in the Rules prescribed by the Committee.

**Section 28** Receiving, paying and keeping money of the Fund as well as writing off bad debts shall be in accordance with the Rules prescribed by the Committee and with approval of the Ministry of Finance,

**Section 29** The Sub-Committee on the Administration of the Fund 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 audit statements of the Fund annually and propose the audit report of the Fund to the Committee.

**Section 30** There shall be a Sub-Committee for the Follow Up and Evaluation on the Operation of the Fund which consists of 7 Members, one of which shall Act as the Chairperson and five distinguished persons appointed by the Committee shall Act as Members. These Members shall be recruited from experts who have knowledge and experiences in finance, evaluation and empowerment

of persons with disabilities. Two Members of the Sub-Committee shall be experts in the evaluation and at least one Member shall be a person with disability who holds a disability identification card pursuant to Section 19. The Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security shall Act as a Member and Secretary.

The Members mentioned in Paragraph One shall not be representatives from the organizations that receive financial support from the Fund.

**Section 31** The Sub-Committee for the Follow Up and Evaluation on the Operation of the Fund shall have the following authorities and duties:

(1) Follow up, monitor and evaluate the operation of the Fund,

(2) Report the result of the operation, along with suggestions, to the Committee.

The Sub-Committee for the Follow Up and Evaluation on the Operation of the Fund shall have authority to request for any document or evidence related to the Fund from any person or to call any person to explain or give information for the consideration of the evaluation.

**Section 32** The provisions of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Paragraph Three shall be mutatis mutandis applicable to the membership, the termination of membership and the meetings of the Sub-Committee on the Administration of the Fund pursuant to Section 25 and the Sub-Committee for the Follow Up and Evaluation on the Operation of the Fund pursuant to Section 30.

**Section 33** For the benefits of the empowerment of persons with disabilities, employers, entrepreneurs and government agencies

shall employ persons with disabilities to work in the positions suitable for them in proper proportions to the entire number of the employees in their work places. The Minister of Labor shall issue Ministerial Regulations to specify numbers of employees with disabilities that the employers, entrepreneurs and government agencies shall recruit in their work places.

**Section 34** Employers or entrepreneurs who do not employ persons with disabilities at the proper proportions as mentioned in Section 33 shall send money to the Fund pursuant to Section 24(5). The Minister of Labor shall issue Ministerial Regulations to specify the amount of money that the employers or entrepreneurs shall send to the Fund.

Employers or entrepreneurs who are obliged to send money to the Fund as mentioned in Paragraph One but violate the obligation or fail to do so in a timely manner, or fail to send the whole or partial amount, shall pay interests at the rate of seven and a half percent per annum of the outstanding amount.

Employers or entrepreneurs who employ persons with disabilities or send money to the Fund as mentioned in Paragraph One shall be eligible for tax exemption at certain percentages of the amount they pay as wages or salaries to employees with disabilities or of the amount they send to the Fund, as the case may be, as prescribed by the law.

**Section 35** In case any government agency does not want to employ persons with disabilities under Section 33 or in case any employer or entrepreneur does not employ persons with disabilities under Section 33 and does not send money to the Fund under Section 34, such government agency, employer or entrepreneur may, in substitution, grant concessions, arrange places for products or

services of persons with disabilities, employ persons with disabilities under sub-contracts with other agencies, provide trainings or any other supports for persons with disabilities or caregivers according to the criteria and procedures stipulated in the Rules prescribed by the Committee.

**Section 36** The Secretary General shall have authority to issue a written order to enforce the forfeiture of property of any employer or entrepreneur who does not send money to the Fund under Section 34.

The order to forfeit the property mentioned in Paragraph One shall be done only after a written notice has been sent by registered mail, with the acknowledgement slip, to the employer or entrepreneur notifying him/her to send money to the Fund or remit the outstanding amount within the specified period of time but not less than thirty days counting from the day he/she receives the notice and fails to send money in the specified period of time.

Criteria and procedures of the forfeiture of property mentioned in Paragraph One shall be in accordance with the Regulations prescribed by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security. Criteria and procedures of the Civil Procedure Codes shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 37** Minister of Social Development and Human Security, Minister of Transport and Minister of Interior shall issue Ministerial Regulations to prescribe aspects, specifications or the provision of equipments, facilities or services in the buildings, places, vehicles, transportation services and other public services to ascertain that they can be accessed and utilized by persons with disabilities.

Owners of buildings, places, vehicles, transportation services and other public service providers who provide equipments, facilities or services as mentioned in Paragraph One shall be eligible for tax reduction or exemption at certain percentage of the amount incurred from such provisions, as prescribed by law.

**Section 38** Employers or entrepreneurs who employ persons with disabilities more than sixty percent of the entire employees in the period of more than one hundred and eighty days in any fiscal year shall be eligible for tax exemption in that fiscal year in compliance with the provisions prescribed in the law.

**Section 39** The Office shall have authority to announce the employers'/entrepreneurs' compliance or violation of Section 33, Section 34 and Section 35 to the public at least once a year.

When the government or any government agency considers granting of concessions or credits, giving honors, awards, royal orders and decorations, promoting investments or any other benefits to any employer or business, the information mentioned in Paragraph One shall be taken into account.

**Section 40** Any person failing to follow the orders of the officers as mentioned in Section 14 shall pay for the penalty not exceeding five thousand baht.

**Section 41** Disability identification cards under the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act B.E. 2534 shall be deemed as disability identification cards under Section 19 of this Act.

**Section 42** Property, rights, liabilities, budgets and income collected in the Fund for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons under

Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act B.E. 2534 shall be transferred to the Fund for Persons with Disabilities Empowerment under this Act.

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 the National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

**Section 43** During the time that the National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as prescribed under this Act has not yet been appointed, the Committee for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons pursuant to the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act B.E. 2534 (1991), which holds its position on the day this Act comes into force, shall perform duties of the National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as set forth here in until the day the National Committee for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is appointed and commenced to work; provided that it shall not be exceeding one hundred and eighty days counting from the day this Act comes into force.

**Section 44** All Ministerial Regulations, rules, notifications and ordinances issued under the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act B.E. 2534 are continually enforceable as far as they are not incompatible with the provisions of this Act. This is until the new Ministerial Regulations, rules, notifications and ordinances are issued under this Act to supersede.

**Section 45** The Minister of Social Development and Human Security, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, 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 Regulations, rules or notifications to implement this Act under their authority and responsibilities.

Ministerial Regulations, rules and notifications pursuant to this Act shall come into force after their publication in the Royal Gazette.

Countersigned by:  
General Surayuth Chulanont  
Prime Minister