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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF B.P. BLG.  
344 - "AN ACT TO ENHANCE  
THE MOBILITY OF DISABLED  
PERSONS BY REQUIRING CERTAIN  
BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS,  
ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES TO INSTALL FACILI-  
TIES AND OTHER DEVICES" AND  
ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS (IRR).

In order to attain the objective of the State for disabled persons to be integrated into the mainstream of society and for them to enjoy the opportunities available to other citizens, it is hereby directed that, henceforth, the provisions of the above-mentioned law and its IRR shall be strictly enforced by Building Officials and all others concerned, this Department.

Notwithstanding compliance to the provisions of P.D. 1096 - "The National Building Code of the Philippines", Building Officials shall not issue building permits for the construction, repair or renovation of public and private buildings and other related structures for public use, unless barrier-free facilities and accessibility features have been provided in the plans and specifications therefor as required in the IRR of B.P. Blg. 344. Streets and highways shall likewise be provided with accessibility features as required in the IRR.

It is further directed that all Building Officials submit, on or before July 15, 1987, an inventory of all aforementioned structures in their jurisdictional areas, as to the extent of compliance with the requirements of the law and its IRR from October 3, 1984 when the latter took effect; and to regularly monitor and submit quarterly reports not later than the 15th of the first month of the succeeding quarter.

Pursuant to Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Act, the Building Research Development Staff (BRDS) which is attached to the Bureau of Design shall provide technical assistance in the implementation thereof by this Department and shall coordinate with the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons and its Accessibility Committee in monitoring the extent of its implementation.

  
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Secretary

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