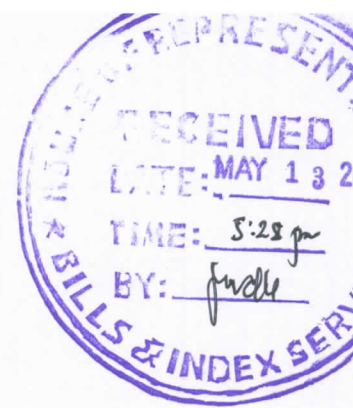


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The wrath of the Covid-19 virus has brought not only health perils but also economic devastation the world over. As of the time of the writing of this bill, our country is struggling to balance the revival of the economy as against protecting ourselves from getting infected while the world waits for vaccine against it.

All the while, our constituents have become poorer especially those who only get their income on whatever output they do for a day's work. This has pushed our constituents further down the social spectrum as the economy takes a blow from the closure of the various industries and businesses.

While the government has taken steps to ease the economic suffering of our constituents through the Social Amelioration Program as well as other hand outs of basic food supplies, the same is not enough considering that business have already folded, people have been laid off, the few of the businesses that will endure the quarantine period will not open on a full scale at once and poverty will be a continuous and long battle even after a vaccine has been found for the Covid-19 virus. Towards this end, I implore the top 2% of the Philippine society to work hand-in-hand with the government on a program that will allow them to "adopt a household" by hiring the head of a family of at least one (1) family belonging to the poorest of the poor either as a worker in their respective household or businesses.

Giving a household head with a job with a rate equal to the minimum wage based on location is very doable and not difficult at all. This is patriotism at its finest with millions working as true patriots for the country.

In lieu of the abovementioned, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT  
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ADOPT A POOR HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM

*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 “Adopt a Poor Household  
2 Program Act”.

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4 SECTION 2. *Declaration of State Policies.* - The 1987 Constitution provides in Sec.  
5 1, Article XIII that The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures  
6 that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social,  
7 economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing  
8 wealth and political power for the common good.

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10 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms are  
11 defined as follows:

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13 a. DSWD – Department of Social Welfare and Development.

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15 b. PSA – Philippine Statistics Authority.

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17 c. NGOs – Non-Government Organizations as defined under Sec. 3 of RA 11291  
18 otherwise known as the Magna Carta of the Poor.

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20 d. Development Partners. – as defined under Sec. 3 of RA 11291 otherwise known  
21 as the Magna Carta of the Poor.

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23 e. Poor – as defined under Sec. 3 of RA 11291 otherwise known as the Magna  
24 Carta of the Poor.

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26 f. DOLE – Department of Labor and Employment

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28 g. Adopting Entity – a household or individual or corporate entity hiring a head of the  
29 household of poor family.

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31 h. Hiree – an individual who is the head of the family of a poor household.

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33 SECTION 4. *Adopt a Poor Household Program.* – The Adopt a Poor Household  
34 program is the national poverty reduction program strategy and a human capital investment  
35 program that links the top 2% rich of society with the poor in order that the former may  
36 choose and hire a head of a family of the latter to be assigned either in the former's  
37 household or business establishment.

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39 SECTION 5. *Eligible Beneficiaries.* – The DSWD shall coordinate with the PSA in  
40 the selection of the poor households that may be included in this program.

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42 SECTION 6. *Compliance with Labor Laws.* – The DSWD shall coordinate with the  
43 DOLE in making sure that hiree partnered with an adopting entity shall be protected by the  
44 provisions of the labor laws.

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1       SECTION. 7. *Role of Development Partners and NGOs* – The various non-  
2 government organizations such as development partners and NGOs and the PSA shall  
3 coordinate with the DSWD in updating the list of poor households to be included in this  
4 program. The DSWD, jointly with the DOLE, shall be the lead agencies which will  
5 implement this program.

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7       SECTION 8. The Adopting Entity is not precluded from hiring more than one (1)  
8 head of the family of a poor household. Neither is the adopting entity precluded from  
9 making his hiree a permanent employee of his household or business entity.

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11       SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*.— Within six (6) months from the  
12 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in coordination with appropriate  
13 government departments and agencies with the participation of the local government units,  
14 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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16       SECTION 10. *Appropriations*. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
17 this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General  
18 Appropriations Act.

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20       SECTION 11. *Separability Clause*. - Should any provision of this Act be found  
21 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of  
22 this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this  
23 Act.

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25       SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,  
26 resolutions, orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
27 hereby-repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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29       SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
30 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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33       *Approved,*  
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