

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 184

Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, **Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT)** programs aim to reduce poverty by providing welfare programs without any conditions upon the receivers' actions. Unconditional cash transfers have developed on the premise that giving cash to citizens allows them to have autonomy over their own lives.

The Department of Social welfare and Development (DSWD) was given the responsibility by congress to implement the distribution of the **P200** per month UCT. The DSWD has put together a mechanism that will enable them to distribute the P200 UCT to **10 million** Filipinos who belong to the poorer sectors of the country.

This House Bill seeks to foster an accelerated program management scheme which will focus on the payroll generation, beneficiary validation, and the release of more funds to the beneficiaries of the Unconditional Cash Transfer program.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE
UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (**UCT**) PROGRAM TO **₱500.00**,
TO BENEFIT **22 MILLION** POOR FILIPINOS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared a policy of the state to provide social development strategic schemes thru the national government that provides unconditional cash grants to extremely poor households to improve their health, nutrition and education.

- a. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to allocate/increase the Unconditional Cash Transfer program to **₱500.00** (Five Hundred Pesos).
- b. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to promote poverty alleviation schemes in a successive and progressive manner.

SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The departments and agencies charged, to be led by the Department of Social

Welfare and Development (**DSWD**), Department of Finance (**DOF**) and the Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**) with carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall within sixty (**60**) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,