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HOUSE BILL NO. 2848



Introduced by Representative Divina Grace C. Yu
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The passage of this bill seeks to institute the magna carta for day care workers.

Settled in the 1987 Constitution that the State recognizes the vital role of children and youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. **Towards this end, the State shall adopt policies that will improve the social and economic welfare of day care workers who provide preschool education and social development services to children.**

Currently, it is unfortunate that considering the roles played by our day care workers in our society, most importantly, with our children, existing laws do not afford them their well-deserved benefits. Worst, their economic and professional well-being and development are left unattended by the government.

Hence, it is only best to address these issues by the passage of this bill. It further seeks to insulate them from the superfluous political interferences and abuses by assuring that day care workers would enjoy security of tenure.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Magna Carta of Day
2 Care Workers”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of State Policy.* – The State recognizes the vital role of
4 children and youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical,
5 moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Towards this end, the State shall
6 adopt policies that will improve the social and economic welfare of day care workers
7 who provide preschool education and social development services to children.

8 SEC. 3. *Coverage.* – This Act covers all day care workers, also referred to as
9 child development workers in Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as the “Early
10 Years Act (EYA) of 2013”, herein defined as persons primarily engaged in the
11 provision of early child development services and programs such as care, social
12 development, education, protection, and other needs of children aged four (4) years
13 old and below in all government-sponsored day care centers.

14 SEC. 4. *Plantilla Positions and Security of Tenure in Day Care Centers.* – At
15 least one (1) Day Care Worker I and one (1) Day Care Worker II plantilla positions
16 shall be created in all day care centers nationwide. As plantilla position holders, day

1 care workers shall be appointed under permanent status and shall be protected and
2 governed by civil service rules and regulations. No day care worker shall be removed
3 or transferred from office without just cause, due process, or prior consultation with
4 the concerned day care worker.

5 SEC. 5. *Creation of Special Personnel Selection Board.* – A Special Personnel
6 Selection Board (SPSB) for day care worker positions shall be created to screen
7 candidates and create a pool of ten (10) qualified applicants for possible appointment
8 to the subject positions. The SPSB shall be composed of the local social welfare and
9 development officer as chairperson, and the punong barangay, local health officer,
10 human resource management officer, and local government unit (LGU) first level
11 employees' representative as members.

12 SEC. 6. *Recruitment and Selection.* – Upon publication and posting by the local
13 Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) of vacant permanent day care worker
14 positions in particular day care centers, all qualified applicants shall submit their
15 application together with complete requirements to the Punong Barangay who shall
16 forthwith transmit the same to the HRMO for preliminary evaluation: *Provided,* That all
17 qualified incumbent day care workers hired under casual, contractual, and job order
18 employment status shall automatically be considered candidates and given priority for
19 appointment to permanent day care worker positions.

20 The local chief executive, as the appointing authority, shall exercise sound
21 discretion in appointing, from the SPSB-recommended pool, a day care worker
22 position in a particular day care center.

23 SEC. 7. *Qualifications, Positions and Salary Grade.* – A day care worker
24 possessing the following qualifications shall be hired to the position of:

(a) Day Care Worker I, with Salary Grade 6, must possess the following qualifications:

- (1) Must be of legal age;
- (2) Must have completed at least two (2) years of college education;
- (3) Must be certified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or DSWD-deputized entities to have complied with existing requisites and trainings in early childhood care and development;
- (4) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime; and
- (5) Must not have a pending case in relation to Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act".

Day care workers legitimately serving as such upon the passage of this Act who are above seventeen (17) years old but below eighteen (18) years old, shall continue to serve as such and are qualified to be covered under this Act: *Provided*, That their retention had been recommended by their direct supervisor.

Day care workers who have no college education upon the effectivity of this Act shall be given two (2) years within which to complete equivalent training to be able to continue in the service, in accordance with Section 12 of this Act. The necessary training courses shall be prescribed by the DSWD.

(b) A Day Care Worker II, with Salary Grade 8, must possess the same qualifications mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section including five (5) years of working experience and at least twelve (12) hours of relevant training.

Qualifications and exceptions applicable to this section shall be subject to conditions imposed by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

1 SEC. 8. *Working Hours.* – A day care worker is required to render eight (8)
2 working hours a day or a total of forty (40) working hours a week: *Provided,* That the
3 local social welfare officer (LSWDO) may require day care workers to render services
4 beyond their required working hours during emergency situations such as natural and
5 man-made calamities.

6 SEC. 9. *Code of Conduct of Day Care Workers.* – Within six (6) months upon
7 approval of this Act, the Early Childhood Care and Development Council (ECCDC), in
8 consultation with a national organization of day care workers, shall formulate a Code
9 of Conduct for Day Care Workers. Each day care worker shall be provided with a copy
10 of the Code at the expense of the government.

11 SEC. 10. *Additional Compensation and Allowances.* – Day care workers shall
12 be provided with the following additional compensation, whenever applicable:

13 (a) Overtime pay – for services rendered beyond the required working hours
14 as prescribed in Section 8 hereof;

15 (b) Hazard allowance – for being exposed to situations, conditions, or
16 factors in the workplace which endanger the workers' health or life, or increase the
17 danger or risk thereto. Such risk or danger shall be determined by the local
18 Sangguniang Barangay concerned; and

19 (c) Subsistence allowance – for meals taken in the course of their duty
20 within the premises of isolated day care centers, the amount of which shall be
21 computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the local
22 Sangguniang Barangay concerned.

23 SEC. 11. *Other Benefits and Privileges.* – Day care workers shall be entitled to
24 the following additional benefits and privileges:

1 (a) Married Day Care Workers. – Whenever possible, married couples who
2 are both day care workers shall be assigned in the same municipality or city.

3 (b) Free Legal Services. – The Public Attorney's Office (PAO) shall
4 represent day care workers in cases filed against them in connection with the
5 performance of their duties.

6 (c) Free Medical Examination and Treatment. – Annual medical
7 examinations shall be provided by government hospitals, free of charge, to all day care
8 workers. Day care workers suffering from work-related ailments shall be treated
9 without cost in government hospitals.

10 (d) Access to Livelihood, Loans, Grants, and Skills Enhancement. – The
11 DSWD and the LGUs, in coordination with other concerned government agencies,
12 shall provide organized day care workers with a mechanism for accessing livelihood,
13 loans, grants, and skills enhancement services.

14 (e) Other Benefits. – All day care workers shall automatically become
15 members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Pag-IBIG, and
16 PhilHealth, subject to premium payments by both employers and employees, and shall
17 be entitled to maternity/paternity, sick, and vacation leaves as provided for by existing
18 laws.

19 SEC. 12. *Training, Education and Skills Enhancement.* – The DSWD, in
20 coordination with Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher
21 Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
22 (TESDA), shall provide for a system of continuing education and skills training and
23 knowledge enhancement programs for day care workers.

1 The DepEd, CHED, and TESDA shall adopt an equivalency system of
2 education that shall recognize and duly credit the actual work experiences and prior
3 learning of day care workers as formal academic or training units.

4 SEC. 13. *Support from Nongovernment Organizations (NGOs).* –
5 Nongovernment organizations or private volunteer organizations are hereby
6 encouraged to assist or support the government in the implementation of programs
7 and projects for day care workers. Pursuant thereto, all day care centers may accept
8 such assistance or support from NGOs.

9 SEC. 14. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to cover the salaries and
10 benefits of day care workers shall be charged from the Internal Revenue Allotment
11 (IRA) and the Special Education Fund of LGUs concerned: *Provided, That* the national
12 government shall provide subsidy for at least one (1) day care worker per center in the
13 fourth, fifth, and sixth class municipalities. A portion of the contribution of the Philippine
14 Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) as provided under Republic Act No.
15 10410, as well as additional funds generated from donations, fees, and contributions
16 collected by the ECCDC from whatever source shall also be set aside for the purpose.

17 SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DSWD, ECCDC, and
18 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the CSC
19 and a national organization of day care workers, shall formulate the rules and
20 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within six (6) months
21 from its effectivity.

22 SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act or any part hereof
23 is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the
24 other provisions.

1 SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the
2 “Barangay-level Total Development and Protection of Children Act” and all laws,
3 decrees, rules and regulations, and executive orders contrary to or inconsistent with
4 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 18. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7 Approved,