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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Parenting is a very challenging undertaking, and more so to a single parent. Raising a child entails hard work, especially in this time and age where most parents struggle to balance their time and career to make ends meet while rearing their children. Parents' aims to be a good role model to their children, provide for their everyday needs, equip them for the future and mold them to become a responsible member of the society.

Solo parents instantaneously assume a new role both as mother and father. They strive to avoid disruptions and maintain a sense of normalcy for the family despite financial constraints, emotional turmoil and battling with the stigma of being a solo parent.

It is the policy of our State as declared in Article II Section 12 of the 1987 constitution that:

"The State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government."

Thus, to alleviate the challenges faced by every solo parent in this country, it is fitting to amend the Solo Parent Act of 2000. This amendment seeks to make the law more efficient and suitable to the present needs of the parents in raising their children by themselves.

In this regard, it is for the benefit of some fourteen (14) Million solo parents whom single-handedly raised their children¹ that passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **Section 1.** *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "**EXPANDED Solo**
2 Parents' Welfare Act of 2000."

3 **Section 2.** *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote
4 the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and
5 ensure its total development. **IT IS ALSO THE OBLIGATION OF THE**
6 **STATE TO ADHERE TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND**
7 **NATIONAL LAWS ON FAMILIES.** Towards this end, it shall develop a
8 comprehensive [program of] **PACKAGE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION**
9 services for solo parents and their children to be carried out by the
10 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department
11 of Health (DOH), **THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)**, the
12 [Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] **DEPARTMENT**
13 **OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**, the Department of the Interior and Local
14 Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the

1 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the
2 National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and
3 Employment (DOLE), **THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**
4 (**DTI**), **THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUES (BIR)**, **CIVIL SERVICE**
5 **COMMISSION (CSC)**, **THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
6 **AUTHORITY (NEDA)**, **THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN**
7 (**PCW**), **THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION**
8 (**PHILHEALTH**), **THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ULAP)**, and
9 other [related] **CONCERNED** government [and nongovernment agencies.]

10 **AGENCIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WITH**
11 **RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN PROVIDING SERVICES AND**
12 **ADVOCACY FOR SOLO PARENTS.**

13 **Section 3. Definition of Terms.** - Whenever used in this Act, the following
14 terms shall mean as follows:

15 (a) "Solo parent" - any individual who falls under any of the following
16 categories:

17 (1) A [woman] **FEMALE** who gives birth as a result of rape and other
18 crimes against [chastity] **PERSONS** even without a final conviction of the
19 offender: *Provided*, That the mother [keeps and raises the child] **HAS**
20 **THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN AND BEARS THE SOLE**
21 **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**;

22 (2) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to
23 [death of spouse] **THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES**:

24 A. **DEATH OF THE SPOUSE**;

25 B. [(3) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of
26 parenthood while] Spouse is detained or is serving sentence for
27 a criminal conviction [for at least one (1) year];

- 1 C. [(4) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of
2 parenthood due to] Physical and/or mental incapacity of
3 spouse as certified by a public **OR PRIVATE** medical
4 practitioner;
- 5 D. [(5) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of
6 parenthood due to] Legal separation or *de facto* separation
7 from spouse; [for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is
8 entrusted with the custody of the children;]
- 9 E. [(6) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of
10 parenthood due to] Declaration of nullity or annulment of
11 marriage as decreed by [a] **THE** court **RECOGNIZED BY LAW**
12 [or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the
13 custody of the children;]
- 14 F. [(7) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of
15 parenthood due to] Abandonment of spouse for at least [one (1)
16 year] **SIX (6) MONTHS**;
- 17 **(3)** [(8)] Unmarried mother/father who has [preferred to keep and rear]
18 **ACTUAL CUSTODY, SUPPORT, CARE AND EXERCISING SOLE**
19 **PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER HIS OR HER** child **OR** children instead
20 of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;
- 21 **(4)** [(9)] Any other person who [solely provides parental care and support
22 to a child or children] **BEARS SOLE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**
23 **OVER A CHILD OR CHILDREN, PROVIDED HE OR SHE IS A FOSTER**
24 **PARENT DULY-RECOGNIZED BY THE DSWD, A LEGAL GUARDIAN**
25 **APPOINTED BY THE COURT OR A LEGAL SINGLE ADOPTIVE**
26 **PARENT**;
- 27 **(5)** (10) Any family member who [assumes the] **BEARS SOLE PARENTAL**
28 responsibility [of head of family] as a result of the death, abandonment,
29 disappearance or prolonged absence of the parent/s. [or solo parent.] **IN**

1 **CASES OF GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAS**
2 **THE SOLE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THEIR MINOR OR**
3 **PHYSICAL OR MENTALLY INCAPACITATED CHILDREN OR GRAND**
4 **CHILDREN, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THIS**
5 **ACT IN ADDITION TO THE BENEFITS GRANTED TO THEM BY THE**
6 **EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003;**

7 A change in the status or circumstance of the parent **OR QUALIFIED**
8 **FAMILY MEMBER OR GUARDIAN** claiming benefits under this Act,
9 such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of
10 parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these benefits.

11 (b) "Children **OR DEPENDENTS**" - refer to those living with and
12 dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried,
13 unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years of age, or even over
14 eighteen (18) years but are incapable of self-support because of mental
15 and/or physical defect/disability.

16 (c) "Parental responsibility" - with respect to their minor children shall
17 refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of
18 Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the "Family
19 Code of the Philippines."

20 (d) "Parental leave" - shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent to
21 enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where
22 physical presence is required. **ALL LEGITIMATE SOLO PARENTS**
WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL BE
QUALIFIED TO A SEVEN-DAY PARENTAL LEAVE WITH PAY.

25 (e) "Flexible work schedule" - is the right granted to a solo parent
26 employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting the
27 core work hours as defined by the employer.

28 **(F) BASIC NECESSITIES – REFER TO RICE, CORN, BREAD, FRESH,**
29 **DRIED AND CANNED FISH AND OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS, FRESH**

1 PORK, BEEF AND POULTRY, MEAT, FRESH EGGS, FRESH AND
2 PROCESSED MILK, FRESH VEGETABLES, ROOT CROPS, COFFEE,
3 SUGAR, COOKING OIL, SALT, LAUNDRY SOAP, DETERGENTS, AND
4 DRUGS CLASSIFIED AS ESSENTIAL BY THE DOH AND OTHER
5 COMMODITIES AS MAYBE CLASSIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 AGRICULTURE (DA) ACCORDING TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581 OR
8 THE PRICE ACT.

9 **Section 4. Criteria for Support.** - Any solo parent whose income in the
10 place of [domicile] **RESIDENCE** falls below the poverty threshold as set
11 by the [National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and
12 subject to the assessment of the DSWD worker] **PHILIPPINE**
13 STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) AND SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT
14 OF THE LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER in
15 the area **WHERE THE SOLO PARENT RESIDES** shall be eligible for
16 **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL** assistance **RESERVED FOR THE POOR AND**
17 **INDIGENT SOLO PARENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE PROPER**
18 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.** *Provided, [however,* That any solo parent
19 whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits
20 mentioned in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Act.] **THAT ANY SOLO**
21 **PARENT, REGARDLESS OF THE INCOME BRACKET OR FINANCIAL**
22 **STATUS SHALL ENJOY THE BENEFITS UNDER THE**
23 **COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES,**
24 **SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES,**
25 **LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, COUNSELLING SERVICES,**
26 **PARENT EFFECTIVENESS SERVICES, CRITICAL INCIDENCE STRESS**
27 **DEBRIEFING AND OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS MENTIONED IN**
28 **SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT.**

1 **Section 5. Comprehensive Package of Social [Development and Welfare]**
2 **PROTECTION Services.** - A comprehensive package of social
3 [development and welfare] PROTECTION services for solo parents and
4 their families [will] SHALL be developed by the DSWD, DOH, [DECS]
5 **DEPED**, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, **DOJ, DTI, BIR, CSC, NEDA, PCW,**
6 **PHILHEALTH, ULAP**, DILG, [in coordination with local government units
7 and a nongovernmental organization with proven track record in
8 providing services for solo parents.] **AND OTHER CONCERNED**
9 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CIVIL SOCEITY ORGANIZATION**
10 **WITH RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO**
11 **SOLO PARENTS.**

12 The DSWD shall coordinate with concerned agencies the implementation
13 of the comprehensive package of social [development and welfare]
14 **PROTECTION** services for solo parents and their families. The package
15 will initially include:

- 16 (a) Livelihood development services which include trainings on livelihood
17 skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of
18 seed capital or job placement;
- 19 (b) Counseling services which include individual, peer group or family
20 counseling. This will focus on the resolution of personal relationship and
21 role conflicts;
- 22 (c) Parent effectiveness services which include the provision and
23 expansion of knowledge and skills of the solo parent on early childhood
24 development, behavior management, health care, rights and duties of
25 parents and children;
- 26 (d) Critical incidence stress debriefing which includes preventive stress
27 management strategy designed to assist solo parents in coping with
28 crisis situations and cases of abuse;

1 (e) Special projects for individuals in need of protection which include
2 temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self-
3 concept or ego-building, crisis management and spiritual enrichment;

4 **(F) LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE**

5 **Section 6.** *Flexible Work Schedule.* – The employer shall provide for a
6 flexible working schedule for solo parents: Provided, That the same shall
7 not affect individual and company productivity: *Provided, further,* That
8 any employer may request exemption from the above requirements from
9 the DOLE on certain meritorious grounds.

10 **Section 7.** *Work Discrimination.* - No employer shall discriminate against
11 any solo parent employee with respect to terms and conditions of
12 employment on account of his/her status.

13 **Section 8.** *Parental Leave.* - In addition to leave privileges under existing
14 laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days every year
15 shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered service of
16 at least [one (1) year] **SIX (6) MONTHS. THIS BENEFIT MAY BE**
17 **AVAILED IN BOTH THE PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT SECTOR,**
18 **REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS.**

19 **Section 9.** *Educational Benefits.* - The [DECS] **DEPED**, CHED and
20 TESDA shall provide the following benefits and privileges:

21 (1) Scholarship **AND/ OR GRANTS** [programs] for qualified solo parents
22 and their children in institutions of basic, [tertiary and technical/skills
23 education] **HIGHER AND TECHNICAL/ VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL**
24 **AND TRAINING;** and

25 (2) Nonformal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their
26 children.

1 The [DECS] **DEPED**, CHED and TESDA shall promulgate rules and
2 regulations for the proper implementation of this program.

3 **Section 10. Housing Benefits.** - Solo parents shall be given allocation in
4 housing projects and shall be provided with liberal terms of payment on
5 said government low-cost housing projects in accordance with housing
6 law provisions prioritizing applicants below the poverty line as declared
7 by the [NEDA] **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**.

8 **Section 11. Medical Assistance.** - The DOH shall develop a
9 comprehensive health care program for solo parents and their children.
10 The program shall be implemented by the DOH through their retained
11 hospitals and medical centers and the local government units (LGUs)
12 through their provincial/district/city/municipal hospitals and rural
13 health units (RHUs).

14 **Section 12. Additional Powers and Functions of the DSWD.** — The DSWD
15 shall perform the following additional powers and functions relative to
16 the welfare of solo parents and their families:

17 (a) Conduct research necessary to: (1) develop a new body of knowledge
18 on solo parents; (2) define executive and legislative measures needed to
19 promote and protect the interest of solo parents and their children; and
20 (3) assess the effectiveness of programs designed for disadvantaged solo
21 parents and their children;

22 (b) Coordinate the activities of various governmental and
23 nongovernmental organizations engaged in promoting and protecting the
24 interests of solo parents and their children; and

25 (c) Monitor the implementation of the provisions of this Act and suggest
26 mechanisms by which such provisions are effectively implemented.

1 SECTION 13. SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD (SPIC)- THE
2 LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LSWDO)
3 SHALL ISSUE THE SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD UPON THE
4 PRESENTATION OF THE APPLICANT OF THE FOLLOWING
5 DOCUMENTS:

- 6 A. BARANGAY CERTIFICATION CERTIFYING THAT THE SOLO
7 PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE BARANGAY FOR THE
8 LAST SIX (6) MONTHS PRECEEDING THE APPLICATION;
- 9 B. BARANGAY CERTIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
10 QUALIFIES THE APPLICANT AS A SOLO PARENT AS
11 REQUIRED BY THIS ACT;
- 12 C. CERTIFICATION FROM THE PROPER GOVERNMENT
13 AGENCY AS PROOF OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN,
14 DEATH OF PARENTS OR SPOUSE AND OTHER
15 DOCUMENTARY SUPPORT TO ATTEST THE
16 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT QUALIFIES THE APPLICANT AS A
17 SOLO PARENT;
- 18 D. INCOME TAX RETURN OR ANY EQUIVALENT DOCUMENT
19 THAT ESTABLISHES THE INCOME OR FINANCIAL STATUS
20 OF THE SOLO PARENT APPLICANT.

21 THE SPIC SHALL BE ISSUED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM
22 APPLICATION THEREOF AND SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR
23 UPON ISSUANCE SUBJECT TO RENEWAL.

24 SECTION 14. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS- A SOLO PARENT SHALL BE
25 ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- 26 A) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF
27 CLOTHING AND CLOTHING MATERIAL FOR THE CHILD FOR
28 PURCHASES MADE FROM CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL TWELVE (12)
29 YEARS OF AGE;

- 1 B) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF
2 BABY'S MILK, FOOD, FOOD SUPPLEMENTS AND SANITARY
3 DIAPERS FOR PURCHASES MADE FROM CHILD'S BIRTH
4 UNTIL THREE (3) YEARS OF AGE;
- 5 C) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF
6 MEDICINES, VACCINES AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLEMENT,
7 SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENTS FOR THE CHILD,
8 FOR PURCHASES MADE FROM THE CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL
9 EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE;
- 10 D) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF
11 THE CHILD'S BASIC NECESSITIES;
- 12 E) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF
13 SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILD, FOR PURCHASES MADE
14 FROM THE CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL TWENTY ONE (21) YEARS
15 OF AGE;
- 16 F) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM TUITION FEES PER
17 CHILD WHO ARE IN THE COLLEGE LEVEL IN BOTH PRIVATE
18 AND PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS,
19 ON TOP OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS IF ANY;
- 20 G) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM HOSPITAL BILL OF
21 THE SOLO PARENT OR HIS OR HER CHILD IF ADMITTED FOR
22 MEDICAL CARE AND ATTENTION, BOTH IN PRIVATE AND
23 PUBLIC HOSPITALS;
- 24 H) TAX AMNESTY AND/ OR REDUCTION OF REAL ESTATE OR
25 INHERITANCE TAXES OF SOLO PARENTS;
- 26 I) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON CONSULTATION AND
27 LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC FEES AND PURCHASE OF
28 MEDICINES FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS;

1 **J) BASIC PERSONAL EXEMPTION FROM INDIVIDUAL INCOME**
2 TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS
3 (P50,000.00) IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING EXEMPTION
4 THAT THE SOLO PARENT MAY CLAIM FOR THEIR CHILDREN;

5 **K) AT LEAST TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL**
6 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,
7 PROVIDED THAT THE DISCOUNT CAN ONLY BE AVAILED
8 WHEN THE SOLO PARENT AND CHILDREN ARE TOGETHER.

9 **COMPANIES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE THE SAID**
10 DISCOUNTS WERE AVAILED, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM SAID
11 DISCOUNTS AS PART OF THEIR BUSINESS EXPENSE. PROVIDED
12 THAT THEY MAINTAIN A DETAILED AND SEPARATE RECORDS OF
13 THE DISCOUNTED PURCHASES.

14 **SECTION 15. CREATION OF THE SOLO PARENTS' SPECIAL INTER-**
15 **AGENCY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE - AN INTER-**
16 **AGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL BE CREATED TO COORDINATE AND**
17 **MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT. THE COMMITTEE**
18 **SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:**

- 19 **A) DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**
20 **(DSWD), AS CHAIR;**
- 21 **B) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH);**
- 22 **C) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ);**
- 23 **D) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED);**
- 24 **E) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL**
25 **GOVERNMENT (DILG) AS CO-CHAIR;**

- 1 **F) THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED);**
- 2 **G) THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**
- 3 **AUTHORITY (TESDA);**
- 4 **H) THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA);**
- 5 **I) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE);**
- 6 **J) THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUES (BIR);**
- 7 **K) THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION**
- 8 **(PHILHEALTH);**
- 9 **L) AT LEAST TWO (2) NON GOVERNMENT OR CIVIL SOCIETY**
- 10 **ORGANIZATION WITH PROVEN CREDENTIALS IN**
- 11 **ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE, AS WELL AS**
- 12 **PROVIDING SERVICES TO SOLO PARENTS.**

13 THIS COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE

14 CONGRESS ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT,

15 FOLLOWING ITS EFFECTIVITY.

16 SECTION 16. SOLO PARENTS AFFAIRS OFFICE- A SOLO PARENT

17 AFFAIRS OFFICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY LOCAL

18 GOVERNMENT UNIT. IN LINE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, A SOLO

19 PARENTS HELP DESK SHALL BE PLACED IN EVERY BARANGAY FOR

20 THE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE OF SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR

21 CHILDREN.

22 SECTION 17. NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY AND WEEK- TO

23 COMMEMORATE THE ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF EVERY SOLO

24 PARENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, SOLO PARENTS WEEK SHALL BE

25 EVERY THIRD (3RD) WEEK OF APRIL AND THE NATIONAL SOLO

26 PARENTS DAY SHALL BE EVERY THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF APRIL

27 OF EVERY YEAR.

1 SECTION 18. PENALTIES- ANY PERSON, CORPORATION, ENTITY OR
2 AGENCY WHICH REFUSES OR FAILS TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS
3 GRANTED TO SOLO PARENTS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT SHALL
4 SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

5 1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION - A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN
6 THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY
7 THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS
8 THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, OR
9 BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

10 2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION - A FINE OF NOT LESS
11 THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT NOT
12 MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) OR
13 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR BUT NOT MORE
14 THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
15 COURT.

16 ANY PERSON WHO MISINTERPRETS THE STATUS OR FALSIFIES
17 ANY DOCUMENT TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER
18 THIS ACT OR ANY PERSON WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES
19 GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE NOT LESS
20 THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN
21 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) AND IMPRISONMENT OF
22 NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS.

23 IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR
24 ORGANIZATION OR ANY SIMILAR ENTITY, THE EMPLOYEES AND
25 OFFICIALS THEREFORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED SHALL
26 INDIVIDUALLY BE HELD LIABLE THEREFORE.

27 IF THE VIOLATOR IS AN ALIEN OR A FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE
28 DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE
29 WITHOUT FURTHER DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.

1 UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT AND AFTER DUE
2 NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO
3 CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS
4 PERMIT, PERMIT TO OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR
5 PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESS THAT FAILS TO ABIDE
6 BY THE PROVISION OF THIS ACT.

7 UPON FINDING BY THE SOLO PARENTS' SPECIAL REVIEW
8 COMMITTEE THAT A DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OR
9 INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT-
10 OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATION (GOCC) OR A LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT UNIT HAD VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT,
12 SANCTIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, CIVIL SERVICE OR
13 OTHER LAWS MAY BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CSC OR THE DILG
14 AGAINST THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY OR THE LOCAL CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE AND THE PERSON DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
16 VIOLATION.

17 **Section [13] 19. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – [An interagency
18 committee headed by the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, DECS,
19 CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, and DILG is hereby established which shall
20 formulate.] Within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, [the
21 implementing rules and regulations in consultation with the local
22 government units, nongovernment organizations and people's
23 organizations.] **THE DSWD, IN CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**
24 **WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SOLO PARENTS' SPECIAL REVIEW**
25 **COMMITTEE, SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND**
26 **REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS**
27 **ACT.**

28 **Section [14] 20. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
29 provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of **THE** concerned
30 government agencies in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**). [of the
31 year following its enactment into law and thereafter.]

1 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAY ALSO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THEIR**
2 **RESPECTIVE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) BUDGET TO**
3 **IMPLEMENT THIS ACT ANCHORED ON THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY**
4 **THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), NEDA**
5 **AND PCW.**

6 **Section [15] 21.** *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders,
7 administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of
8 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

9 **Section [16] 22.** *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held
10 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall
11 continue to be in full force and effect.

12 **Section [17] 23.** *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
13 days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at
14 least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,