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**AN ACT  
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AS THE "SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000", AND FOR  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XV, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall defend the rights of the children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

The enactment of Republic Act No. 7610 or the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act" embodies this intent to fulfill the Constitutional mandate, such as the Child Protection Program granted by the Department of Justice and the designation of several Regional Trial Courts as family courts to hear cases involving children.

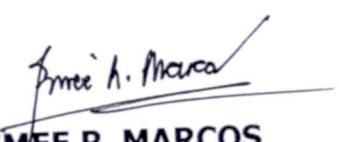
However, given the rising rates of migration, domestic violence, and teenage pregnancy, solo parents, in lieu of the traditional family, have become more and more commonplace; the daunting challenges of parenting in the modern age, already difficult for two parents, are well-nigh insurmountable for the single, unsupported parent.

A study, conducted in March 2007, by the Department of Health and the University of the Philippines – National Institute for Health (UP-NIH), funded by the

World Health Organization, reveals that solo parents constitute up to 14 to 15 percent of the estimated 94 million Filipinos, or roughly 14 million<sup>1</sup>, while data from the Philippine Statistics Authority on 2015 showed that 15.2 percent of the poor children belong to single-parent households<sup>2</sup>.

This bill intends to establish a framework of support and assistance to solo parents, daycare, social workers, educators of children of single parents, employees and financiers of single-parent households, seeking to provide safety nets in daycare, employment and basic needs.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dswd.gov.ph/dswd-holds-first-national-solo-parents-summit/>  
<sup>2</sup> <http://openstat.psa.gov.ph/Portals/0/downloads/ChildPoverty.pdf?ver=2018-11-10-001824-813&tstamp=1553672022425>

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

1       Section 1. Section 2 of R.A. No. 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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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. Towards this end, it shall develop a  
6       comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their children to be  
7       carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),  
8       the Department of Health (DOH), the [Department of Education, Culture  
9       and Sports (DECS)] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**, the  
10      Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission  
11      on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills  
12      Development Authority (TESDA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), the  
13      Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), **THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
14      **TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI)**, **THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL**  
15      **REVENUE (BIR)**, **THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC)**, **THE**

1           **NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), THE**  
2           **PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN (PCW), THE PHILIPPINE**  
3           **HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH),** and other  
4           related government and nongovernment agencies."

5           SEC. 3. Section 3 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

12          (1)     A woman who gives birth as a result of rape [and other] **OR** crimes  
13          against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender: *Provided,*  
14          That the mother keeps and raises the child **AND BEARS SOLE**  
15          **PARENTING RESPONSIBILITY;**

16          (2)     Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
17          to death of spouse;

18          (3)     Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while  
19          the spouse is [detained or is] serving sentence for a criminal conviction  
20          for at least one (1) year;

21          (4)     Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
22          to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public  
23          medical practitioner;

24          (5)     Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
25          to legal separation **AS JUDICIALLY DECLARED BY COURT OF**  
26          **COMPETENT JURISDICTION** [or de facto separation from spouse for  
27          at least one (1) year,] **AND** as long as he/she is [entrusted with]  
28          **AWARDED** the custody of the **CHILD/children;**

29          (6)     Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
30          to **THE** declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a  
31          court **OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION** [or by a church], **AND** as long

1 as he/she is [entrusted with] **AWARDED** the custody of the  
2 **CHILD/children;**

3 (7) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
4 to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year;

5 (8) Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear  
6 her/his child/children instead of having others care for them or give them  
7 up to a welfare institution;

8 (9) Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to  
9 a child or children, **PROVIDED, HE/SHE IS A FOSTER PARENT DULY-**  
10 **LICENSED BY THE DSWD, A LEGAL GUARDIAN DULY APPOINTED**  
11 **BY THE COURT, OR A LEGAL SINGLE ADOPTIVE PARENT; AND**

12 (10) Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of  
13 family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged  
14 absence of the parents or solo parent.

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16 A change in the status or circumstance of the parent claiming benefits  
17 under this Act, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the  
18 responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these  
19 benefits.

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21 (b) "Children" - refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo  
22 parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than  
23 eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years but are  
24 incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical  
25 defect/disability.

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

1                             (d) "Parental leave" - shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent  
2                             to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where  
3                             physical presence is required.

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5                             (e) "Flexible work schedule" – [is] the right granted to a solo parent  
6                             employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting the  
7                             core work hours as defined by the employer."

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9                             SEC. 4. Section 4 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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11                             "Section 4. *Criteria for Support.* - Any solo parent whose income in the  
12                             place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the [National  
13                             Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)] Philippine Statistics  
14                             Authority (PSA) and subject to the assessment of the [DSWD worker in  
15                             the area] **LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER IN**  
16                             **THE AREA WHERE THE SOLO PARENT RESIDES**, shall be eligible for  
17                             **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL** assistance **RESERVED FOR POOR OR**  
18                             **INDIGENT SOLO PARENTS, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE**  
19                             **CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.** [: *Provided, however,* That  
20                             any solo parent whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy  
21                             the benefits mentioned in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Act.] **PROVIDED,**  
22                             **THAT, ANY SOLO PARENT, REGARDLESS OF INCOME BRACKET OR**  
23                             **FINANCIAL STATUS, SHALL ENJOY THE BENEFITS UNDER THE**  
24                             **COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
25                             **WELFARE SERVICES, AS MENTIONED IN THIS ACT.**"

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27                             SEC. 5. Section 5 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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29                             "Section 5. *Comprehensive Package of Social Development and Welfare*  
30                             *Services.* - A comprehensive package of social development and welfare  
31                             services for solo parents and their families [will] **SHALL** be developed by  
                                   the DSWD, DOH, **DOJ, DEPED [DECS], CHED, TESDA, DTI, BIR, CSC,**

1           **NEDA, PCW, PHILHEALTH, DOLE, NHA and DILG**, in coordination with  
2 local government units and a nongovernmental organization with proven  
3 track record in providing services for solo parents.

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5           The DSWD shall coordinate with concerned agencies the implementation  
6 of the comprehensive package of social development and welfare services  
7 for solo parents and their families. The package will initially include:

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9           (a) Livelihood development services which include trainings on livelihood  
10 skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of  
11 seed capital or job placement[.];

12           (b) Counseling services which include individual, peer group or family  
13 counseling. This will focus on the resolution of personal relationship and  
14 role conflicts[.];

15           (c) Parent effectiveness services which include the provision and  
16 expansion of knowledge and skills of the solo parent on early childhood  
17 development, behavior management, health care, rights and duties of  
18 parents and children.

19           (d) Critical incidence stress debriefing which includes preventive stress  
20 management strategy designed to assist solo parents in coping with crisis  
21 situations and cases of abuse[.]; **AND**

22           (e) Special projects for individuals in need of protection which include  
23 temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self-concept  
24 or ego-building, crisis management and spiritual enrichment.”

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26           SEC. 6. Section 8 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27           “Section 8. *Parental Leave*. - In addition to leave privileges under existing  
28 laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days **WITH PAY**  
29 every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered  
30 service of at least one (1) year.”

1       **SEC. 7. ACCESS TO CHILD CARE.** –NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  
2 AGENCIES WITH MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED (300) EMPLOYEES,  
3 INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS,  
4 SHALL ESTABLISH DAY CARE CENTERS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHILDREN  
5 OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGED FIVE (5) YEARS AND BELOW, WHICH SHALL  
6 BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE TO ITS EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SOLO PARENTS, AS  
7 DEFINED UNDER THIS ACT. *PROVIDED THAT*, PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WITH  
8 TWO HUNDRED (200) OR MORE EMPLOYEES SHALL GRANT THE SAME  
9 PRIVILEGE TO ITS EMPLOYEES; *PROVIDED FURTHER THAT*, SUCH CENTERS  
10 SHALL ALSO OFFER DAY CARE SERVICES TO THE ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN  
11 WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

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- 13       (A) PROPER CARE AND NUTRITION;
  - 14       (B) DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL, MENTAL, AND INTELLECTUAL  
15              SKILLS; AND
  - 16       (C) SPIRITUAL, SOCIO-CULTURAL, AND NATIONALISTIC VALUES.

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18       THESE SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE WORKPLACE OR  
19 IN NEARBY AREAS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PARENTS.

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21       WORKING SOLO PARENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED AT GOVERNMENT OR  
22 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS BUT CHOOSE NOT TO AVAIL FREE DAY CARE  
23 SERVICES SHALL BE GIVEN A MONTHLY STIPEND, TO BE DETERMINED BY  
24 THE DSWD, TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES OF A PERSON, AT HIS/HER  
25 CHOOSING, TO CARE FOR HIS/HER CHILD WHILE AT WORK. *PROVIDED*  
26 *THAT*, SOLO PARENTS WHO STAY AT HOME SHALL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO  
27 THE SAME STIPEND ALLOWANCE.

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29       **SEC. 8. OPTION TO WORK FROM HOME.** – EMPLOYERS MAY ENTER  
30 INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR A TELECOMMUTING  
31 PROGRAM, AS PROVIDED IN R.A. NO. 11165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

1 "TELECOMMUTING ACT OF 2018." PROVIDED THAT, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE  
2 SOLO PARENTS SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

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4 THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) AND THE  
5 DTI SHALL PRIORITIZE SOLO PARENTS' EMPLOYMENT IN ONLINE JOBS IN  
6 THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SUCH PARENTS WHO  
7 CHOOSE TO WORK FROM HOME.

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9 PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT ENTER INTO VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS  
10 WITH SOLO PARENTS TO WORK-FROM-HOME SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN  
11 ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION, FROM THEIR GROSS INCOME, EQUIVALENT TO  
12 TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID AS SALARIES  
13 AND WAGES TO SOLO PARENTS: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH  
14 ENTITIES SHALL PRESENT PROOF, AS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), THAT SUCH SOLO PARENT ARE UNDER  
16 THEIR EMPLOY.

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18 SEC. 9. Section 9 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

22 (1) Scholarship programs for qualified solo parents and their children in  
23 institutions of basic, tertiary and technical/skills education; and  
24 (2) Nonformal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their  
25 children.

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

28 **SEC. 10. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS.** – ALTERNATIVE  
29 EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHALL PERTAIN TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
30 ARRANGEMENTS:

1                             (A) THE PARENT ACTING AS THE TEACHER OF HIS/HER CHILD AT  
2 HOME;

3                             (B) DISTANCE/REMOTE/ONLINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE  
4 CHILD/CHILDREN OF A SOLO PARENT; OR

5                             (C) INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY THE DEPED WITH HOMESCHOOL  
6 PROVIDERS.

7                             IN EACH CASE, THE DEPED SHALL ASSIST THE SOLO PARENTS OR  
8 ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS BY PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE  
9 CURRICULA, EQUIVALENCY AND RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOoled  
10 CHILDREN.

11                             SEC. 11. *BENEFITS.* – IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING BENEFITS,  
12 SOLO PARENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED BY THE DSWD, SHALL BE  
13 ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

14                             (1) TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF  
15 INFANT CLOTHING AND CLOTHING MATERIALS FOR A PERIOD OF  
16 TWO (2) YEARS FROM BIRTH OF THE CHILD;

17                             (2) TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF  
18 INFANT'S MILK AND FOOD SUPPLEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO  
19 (2) YEARS FROM BIRTH OF THE CHILD;

20                             (3) FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF  
21 MEDICINES AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLEMENTS/SUPPLIES FOR  
22 THE CHILD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF  
23 THE CHILD;

24                             (4) TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF SCHOOL  
25 SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILD UNTIL HE/SHE REACHES EIGHTEEN (18)  
26 YEARS OF AGE; AND

27                             (5) TEN PERCENT (10%) TUITION FEE DISCOUNT FROM PRIVATE  
28 SCHOOLS FOR THE CHILD/CHILDREN FROM GRADE SCHOOL TO  
29 COLLEGE.

1           **COMPANIES OR BUSINESSES FROM WHOM DISCOUNTED PURCHASE**  
2   **ARE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO**  
3   **CLAIM THE SAID DISCOUNTS AS TAX DEDUCTIONS BASED ON THE NET**  
4   **COST OF THE GOODS SOLD OR SERVICES RENDERED: PROVIDED,**  
5   **HOWEVER, THAT THE COST OF THE DISCOUNT SHALL BE ALLOWED AS**  
6   **DEDUCTION FROM THE GROSS INCOME FOR THE SAME TAXABLE YEAR**  
7   **THAT THE DISCOUNT IS GRANTED: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE TOTAL**  
8   **AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMED TAX DEDUCTION NET OF VALUE-ADDED TAX, IF**  
9   **APPLICABLE, SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR GROSS SALES RECEIPTS FOR**  
10   **TAX PURPOSES AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PROPER DOCUMENTATION AND**  
11   **TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC),**  
12   **AS AMENDED.**

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14       **ALL THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE WITHOUT**  
15   **PREJUDICE TO OTHER BENEFITS WHICH THE SOLO PARENTS MAY AVAIL**  
16   **OF, SUCH AS LOAN PACKAGES AND PROGRAMS.**

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18       **SEC. 12. LOW-COST HOUSING. – SOLO PARENTS WHOSE ANNUAL**  
19   **INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P**  
20   **250, 000.00) SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO LOW COST-HOUSING**  
21   **PROJECTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.**

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23       SEC. 13. Section 13 of RA 8972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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25       “Section 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - An interagency  
26   committee headed by the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, [DECS]  
27   **DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DTI, BIR, CSC, NEDA, PCW, PHILHEALTH,**  
28   DOLE, NHA, and DILG is hereby established which shall formulate, within  
29   sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the implementing rules and  
30   regulations in consultation with the local government units,  
31   nongovernment organizations and people's organizations.”

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1           **SEC. 14. ABUSED, ABANDONED, OR NEGLECTED SOLO PARENTS OR**  
2           **SOLO PARENTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** – IN CASES  
3           **WHERE A PARENT HAD BEEN ABUSED, ABANDONED, OR NEGLECTED BY**  
4           **HIS/HER CO-PARENT, HE/SHE MAY SEEK THE HELP OF THE DSWD, WHICH,**  
5           **IN TURN, SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE RESPECTIVE BARANGAY**  
6           **OFFICIALS AND/OR POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED IN THE NEAREST PNP**  
7           **STATION WHERE THE ABUSED, ABANDONED, OR NEGLECTED PARENT**  
8           **RESIDES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. IF THE CO-**  
9           **PARENT IS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, THE ABUSED, ABANDONED, OR**  
10          **NEGLECTED PARENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETAIN A PORTION OF**  
11          **THE FORMER'S INCOME, TO BE AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARENTS OR BY A**  
12          **VALID ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, FOR**  
13          **THE SUPPORT OF THEIR CHILD.**

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15           **SEC. 15. PENALTIES.** – ANY PERSON, CORPORATION, ENTITY OR  
16          AGENCY WHO REFUSES OR FAILS TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS GRANTED  
17          UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD  
18          NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS TO ONE (1) YEAR AND/OR A FINE NOT  
19          LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP10,000.00) TO FIFTY THOUSAND  
20          PESOS (PHP 50,000.00) OR BOTH FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, AND  
21          IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR TO TWO (2)  
22          YEARS AND/OR A FINE NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS  
23          (PHP 100,000.00) TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 200,000.00)  
24          OR BOTH FOR THE SUCCEEDING OFFENSE.

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26          ANY PERSON WHO SHALL WILFULLY MISREPRESENT HIS/ HER  
27          STATUS, OR FALSIFY ANY DOCUMENT TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS  
28          GRANTED UNDER THIS ACT, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR  
29          A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS AND/OR A FINE NOT LESS  
30          THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY  
31          THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 50,000.00) OR BOTH.

1        IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR  
2 ASSOCIATION OR OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITY, THE PENALTY MAY, AT THE  
3 DISCRETION OF THE COURT, BE IMPOSED UPON SUCH JURIDICAL ENTITY  
4 AND/OR UPON THE OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION,  
5 PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION OR ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
6 VIOLATION, AND IF SUCH PERSON OR OFFICER IS AN ALIEN, HE SHALL IN  
7 ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED, BE DEPORTED WITHOUT  
8 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE.

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10      UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT, AND AFTER DUE  
11 NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE THE  
12 CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO  
13 OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO ANY  
14 BUSINESS ENTITY THAT VIOLATES THIS ACT.

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16      UPON FINDING OF THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE THAT A  
17 DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OR A GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED  
18 CORPORATION (GOCC) OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT HAD VIOLATED  
19 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, SANCTIONS UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATIVE  
20 LAW, CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LAWS MAY BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CSC  
21 OF THE DILG AGAINST THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY OR THE LOCAL CHIEF  
22 EXECUTIVE AND THE PERSON DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
23 VIOLATION."

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25      **SECTION 16. APPROPRIATIONS.** – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO  
26 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE  
27 BUDGET OF THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE GENERAL  
28 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA).

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30      Section 17. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
31 administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
32 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1       Section 18. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
2 unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force  
3 and effect.

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5       Section 19. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
6 following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)  
7 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,