

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972

“THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000”

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall develop a comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their children to be carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and other related government and nongovernment agencies.

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

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

- (1) A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender: *Provided*, That the mother keeps and raises the child;
- (2) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse;
- (3) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;
- (4) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;
- (5) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or *de facto* separation from spouse for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
- (6) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;

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

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

(9) Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Criteria for Support. - Any solo parent whose income in the place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and subject to the assessment of the DSWD worker in the area shall be eligible for assistance: *Provided, however,* That any solo parent whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits mentioned in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Act.

Sec. 5. Comprehensive Package of Social Development and Welfare Services. - A comprehensive package of social development and welfare services for solo parents and their families will be developed by the DSWD, DOH, DECS, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA and DILG, in coordination with local government units and a nongovernmental organization with proven track record in providing services for solo parents.

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

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

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

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

(d) Critical incidence stress debriefing which includes preventive stress management strategy designed to assist solo parents in coping with crisis situations and cases of abuse.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 9. *Educational Benefits.* - The DECS, CHED and TESDA shall provide the following benefits and privileges:

(1) Scholarship programs for qualified solo parents and their children in institutions of basic, tertiary and technical/skills education; and

(2) Non-formal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their children.

The DECS, CHED and TESDA shall promulgate rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this program.

Sec. 10. *Housing Benefits.* - Solo parents shall be given allocation in housing projects and shall be provided with liberal terms of payment on said government low-cost housing projects in accordance with housing law provisions prioritizing applicants below the poverty line as declared by the NEDA.

Sec. 11. *Medical Assistance.* - The DOH shall develop a comprehensive health care program for solo parents and their children. The program shall be implemented by the DOH through their

retained hospitals and medical centers and the local government units (LGUs) through their provincial/district/city/municipal hospitals and rural health units (RHUs).

Sec. 12. *Additional Powers and Functions of the DSWD.* - The DSWD shall perform the following additional powers and functions relative to the welfare of solo parents and their families:

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

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

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

Sec. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - An interagency committee headed by the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, DECS, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, and DILG is hereby established which shall formulate, within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations in consultation with the local government units, nongovernment organizations and people's organizations.

Sec. 14. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of concerned government agencies in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

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

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Bill of the Expanded Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000

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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.

VICENTE C. SOTTO III

¹ <http://www.pressreader.com/philippines/manila-bulletin/20160828/282144995770997>

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

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

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and ensure its total development. **IT IS ALSO THE OBLIGATION OF THE STATE TO ADHERE TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND NATIONAL LAWS ON FAMILIES.** Towards this end, it shall develop a comprehensive [program of] **PACKAGE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION** services for solo parents and their children to be carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), **THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)**, the [Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), **THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUES (BIR), CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC), THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN (PCW), THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH), THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ULAP)**, and other [related] **CONCERNED** government [and nongovernment agencies.]

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

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

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

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

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

A. **DEATH OF THE SPOUSE;**

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

C. [(4) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to] Physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public **OR PRIVATE** medical practitioner;

D. [(5) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to] Legal separation or *de facto* separation from spouse; [for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;]

E. [(6) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to] Declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by [a] **THE** court **RECOGNIZED BY LAW** [or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;]

F. [(7) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to] Abandonment of spouse for at least [one (1) year] **SIX (6) MONTHS;**

(3) [(8)] Unmarried mother/father who has [preferred to keep and rear] **ACTUAL CUSTODY, SUPPORT, CARE AND EXERCISING SOLE PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER HIS OR HER** child **OR** children instead of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;

(4) [(9)] Any other person who [solely provides parental care and support to a child or children] **BEARS SOLE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER A CHILD OR CHILDREN, PROVIDED HE OR SHE IS A FOSTER PARENT DULY- RECOGNIZED BY THE DSWD, A LEGAL GUARDIAN APPOINTED BY THE COURT OR A LEGAL SINGLE ADOPTIVE PARENT;**

(5) (10) Any family member who [assumes the] **BEARS SOLE PARENTAL** responsibility [of head of family] as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parent/s. [or solo parent.] **IN CASES OF GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAS THE SOLE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THEIR MINOR OR PHYSICAL OR MENTALLY INCAPACITATED CHILDREN OR GRAND CHILDREN, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THIS ACT IN ADDITION TO THE BENEFITS GRANTED TO THEM BY THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003;**

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

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

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

(d) "Parental leave" - shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where 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.**

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

(F) BASIC NECESSITIES- REFER TO RICE, CORN, BREAD, FRESH, DRIED AND CANNED FISH AND OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS, FRESH PORK, BEEF AND POULTRY, MEAT, FRESH EGGS, FRESH AND PROCESSED MILK, FRESH VEGETABLES, ROOT CROPS, COFFEE, SUGAR, COOKING OIL, SALT, LAUNDRY SOAP, DETERGENTS, AND DRUGS CLASSIFIED AS ESSENTIAL BY THE DOH AND OTHER COMMODITIES AS MAYBE CLASSIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ACCORDING TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581 OR THE PRICE ACT.

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

Section 5. Comprehensive Package of Social [Development and Welfare] PROTECTION Services. - A comprehensive package of social [development and welfare] **PROTECTION** services for solo parents and their families [will] **SHALL** be developed by the DSWD, DOH, [DECS] **DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, DOJ, DTI, BIR, CSC, NEDA, PCW, PHILHEALTH, ULAP, DILG,** [in coordination with local government units and a nongovernmental organization with proven track record in providing services for

solo parents.] **AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION WITH RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO SOLO PARENTS.**

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

- (a) Livelihood development services which include trainings on livelihood skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of seed capital or job placement;
- (b) Counseling services which include individual, peer group or family counseling. This will focus on the resolution of personal relationship and role conflicts;
- (c) Parent effectiveness services which include the provision and expansion of knowledge and skills of the solo parent on early childhood development, behavior management, health care, rights and duties of parents and children;
- (d) Critical incidence stress debriefing which includes preventive stress management strategy designed to assist solo parents in coping with crisis situations and cases of abuse;
- (e) Special projects for individuals in need of protection which include temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self-concept or ego-building, crisis management and spiritual enrichment;

(F) LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

- (1) Scholarship **AND/OR GRANTS** [programs] for qualified solo parents and their children in institutions of basic, [tertiary and technical/ skills education] **HIGHER AND TECHNICAL/ VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING**; and
- (2) Nonformal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their children.

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

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

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

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

- (a) Conduct research necessary to: (1) develop a new body of knowledge on solo parents; (2) define executive and legislative measures needed to promote and protect the interest of solo parents and their children; and (3) assess the effectiveness of programs designed for disadvantaged solo parents and their children;
- (b) Coordinate the activities of various governmental and nongovernmental organizations engaged in promoting and protecting the interests of solo parents and their children; and
- (c) Monitor the implementation of the provisions of this Act and suggest mechanisms by which such provisions are effectively implemented.

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

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

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

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

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

B) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF BABY'S MILK, FOOD, FOOD SUPPLEMENTS AND SANITARY DIAPERS FOR PURCHASES MADE FROM CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL THREE (3) YEARS OF AGE;

C) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF MEDICINES, VACCINES AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLEMENT, SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENTS FOR THE CHILD, FOR PURCHASES MADE FROM THE CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE;

D) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF THE CHILD'S BASIC NECESSITIES;

E) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM ALL PURCHASES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILD, FOR PURCHASES MADE FROM THE CHILD'S BIRTH UNTIL TWENTY ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE;

F) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM TUITION FEES PER CHILD WHO ARE IN THE COLLEGE LEVEL IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS, ON TOP OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS IF ANY;

G) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT FROM HOSPITAL BILL OF THE SOLO PARENT OR HIS OR HER CHILD IF ADMITTED FOR MEDICAL CARE AND ATTENTION, BOTH IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS;

H) TAX AMNESTY AND/OR REDUCTION OF REAL ESTATE OR INHERITANCE TAXES OF SOLO PARENTS;

I) TWENTY (20) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON CONSULTATION AND LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC FEES AND PURCHASE OF MEDICINES FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS;

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

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

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

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

A) DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), AS CHAIR;

B) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH);

C) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ);

D) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED);

E) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) AS CO-CHAIR;

F) THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED);

G) THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA);

H) THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA);

I) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE);

J) THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUES (BIR);

K) THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH);

L) AT LEAST TWO (2) NON GOVERNMENT OR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION WITH PROVEN CREDENTIALS IN ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE, AS WELL AS PROVIDING SERVICES TO SOLO PARENTS.

THIS COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, FOLLOWING ITS EFFECTIVITY.

SECTION 16. SOLO PARENTS AFFAIRS OFFICE- A SOLO PARENT AFFAIRS OFFICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT. IN LINE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, A SOLO PARENTS HELP DESK SHALL BE PLACED IN EVERY BARANGAY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE OF SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

SECTION 17. NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY AND WEEK- TO COMMEMORATE THE ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF EVERY SOLO PARENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, SOLO PARENTS WEEK SHALL BE EVERY THIRD (3RD) WEEK OF APRIL AND THE NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY SHALL BE EVERY THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR.

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

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

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

ANY PERSON WHO MISINTERPRETS THE STATUS OR FALSIFIES ANY DOCUMENT TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT OR ANY PERSON WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS

(P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) AND IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Warning on Fraudulent Email and Website impersonating MAS

Singapore, May 24 - The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) have alerted the public to fraudulent emails impersonating MAS that attempt to get recipients to divulge their bank account IDs and passwords. Members of the public are advised not to click on the links in these emails or divulge any personal information including login IDs or passwords.

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MAS warns Digital Token Exchanges and ICO Issuer

Singapore, May 24 - The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has warned eight digital token exchanges in Singapore not to facilitate trading in digital tokens that are securities or futures contracts without MAS' authorisation. It also warned an Initial Coin Offering (ICO) issuer to stop the offering of its digital tokens in Singapore.

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BSP Partners with DepEd and BDO Foundation to promote Financial Education in Schools

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Nestor A. Espenilla Jr., Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Leonor-Magtolis Briones, and BDO Foundation (BDOF) President Mario Deriquito will sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on 28 May 2018 to advance financial education in the Philippines. The MOA covers the development of videos as tools to teach basic financial literacy concepts like saving and money management in public schools. These videos, designed for learners as well as educators, are accompanied by teaching guides to further equip and support the DepEd in mainstreaming financial education in the K12 curriculum. These learning tools are targeted to reach around 700,000 teachers and non-teaching personnel, and 24 million students in more than 47,000 public schools nationwide.

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CCCS Provisionally finds that proposed Merger is likely to substantially Reduce Competition between Maritime Products Suppliers

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (“CCCS”) has issued a Statement of Decision (Provisional) (“SDP”) to Wilhelmsen Maritime Services AS (“WMS”) and Drew Marine’s technical solutions, fire, safety and rescue businesses (“Drew Marine Technical Solutions” or “DMTS”). CCCS’s provisional decision finds that the proposed acquisition by WMS of sole control over DMTS (the “Proposed Transaction”) is likely to result in a substantial lessening of competition in the market for the supply of marine water treatment chemicals (including ancillary materials and services) in Singapore, thereby infringing section 54 of the Competition Act (Cap. 50B) which prohibits anti-competitive mergers.

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The Fifth Asian Monetary Policy Forum discusses Regional Economic and Financial Issues

Singapore, May 25 - The Asian Monetary Policy Forum (AMPF) convenes today at the Shangri-La Hotel for the fifth consecutive year. Held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER) that took place from 21-24 May 2018, the Forum is co-organised and funded by the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

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President signs Regulation on Eid al-Fitr Allowances

Jakarta, May 24 (ANTARA News) - President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) has signed a government regulation on granting of Eid al-Fitr allowances to civil servants and pensioners.

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Ministers' Salary Cut proves Government's Seriousness in improving National Economy - CUEPACS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23 (Bernama) - The 10-per cent reduction in the salary of Cabinet ministers as announced by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today is a smart move to improve the financial state of the country, said CUEPACS president Datuk Azih Muda.

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Indonesia's Reforms still far from realized: Habibie

Jakarta, May 23 (ANTARA News) - Third Indonesian President Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie believes that Indonesia has yet to realize reforms for development of its civilization.

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PM: Officials follow Law when monitoring Rally

BANGKOK, May 22, (NNT) - Thailand's Prime Minister has assured that officials strictly follow the law when monitoring rallies, as the pro-election rally moved towards Makkhawan Intersection in Pom Prap Sattru Phai district of Bangkok amid tight security.

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MATTA calls for End to Tourism Tax

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) - The Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) has called for the abolishment of the Tourism Tax (TTx), which came into effect on Sept 1, 2017 charging a flat rate of RM10 per room night on foreigners staying in hotels or registered private accommodation.

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Government poised to suspend Excise Tax once Oil Price reaches USD80

MANILA, May 22 (PNA) - Malacañang on Tuesday assured that measures will be in place to protect consumers from incessant increase in oil prices including suspending the excise tax on fuel.

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Privacy Commission to launch Year-Long Campaign on Data Privacy

MANILA, May 22 (PNA) - The National Privacy Commission (NPC) will be conducting its year-long advocacy campaign to create public awareness on data privacy rights.

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ASEAN must stand united vs Protectionism: Singapore Minister

SINGAPORE, May 22 (PNA) - The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) must take a collective stand in favor of a free, open, rules-based trading system while combating protectionism, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing said Monday.

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Central Bank issues License to Myanmar Credit Bureau

The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has issued a license to Myanmar Credit Bureau Limited, allowing it establish a credit bureau in the country, according to a May 17 CBM announcement.

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Mohamed Elias New EC Secretary

PUTRAJAYA, May 21 (Bernama) - Datuk Mohamed Elias Abu Bakar is the new secretary of the Election Commission, effective today.

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