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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Electricity is a power source we heavily rely on. It is a universal requirement in all households and infrastructure systems of society. Delivering sufficient power to each home or establishment is a primordial need. The measure of a modern society is everyone's access to electricity. Thus, it can be said that electricity is the lifeblood of the modern world.

These days, the rising cost of electricity has been alarming. Rich and poor alike flinch at the receipt of each month's electricity bill. The indigent members of the society are left in the dark as they are unable to pay for their monthly electricity charges.

This bill seeks to provide indigent members of the society electricity bill subsidy. It aims to uplift the standard of living and quality of life of the poor by making electricity accessible to them.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING ELECTRICITY BILL SUBSIDY FOR POOR HOUSEHOLD CONSUMERS

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Electricity Bill Subsidy of 2010.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. –

- a. **Electricity Bill** – the official written statement of an authorized electricity distributor of the charges of electricity consumed;
- b. **Authorized electricity distributor** – accredited electricity distributor by the Department of Energy;
- c. **Poor Household Consumer** – low-income household electricity consumer whose income is not sufficient for the subsistence of his family as determined by the barangay units they belong to and whose electric consumption does not exceed 20 kilowatt hours (kWh);
- d. **Subsidy** – the benefit given to the identified poor household consumer in the form of electricity bill discount or reduction.

SECTION 3. Identification of Poor Household. – The identification of poor households shall be administered at the barangay level thru social research survey or other means it may deem appropriate.

SECTION 4. Coverage. All qualified households whose electricity consumption does not exceed 20 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month may avail of the benefit of this act.

SECTION 5. Subsidy. Fifty-percent of the total charges not exceeding 20 kilowatt hours (kWh) shall be subsidized.

SECTION 6. Subsidy-sharing for Poor Households. – The electricity bill subsidy for poor households shall be shared by the National Government and Local Government Units at a rate of fifty-fifty (50-50%) sharing.

SECTION 7. Operating Fund. – The National Government and the Local Government Units shall set aside a portion of its budget to fund the electricity bill subsidy.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of publication, in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,