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EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE efforts of persons with disability (PWDs) to live a normal and productive are very commendable and remarkable.

Despite their condition, some of them are trying hard to earn a decent living by establishing their own small business.

To further help self-employed PWDs in their pursuit to become productive citizens, this bill seeks to encourage them to become members of the Social Security System (SSS) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth).

The government, in turn, would grant them 100 percent subsidy for their SSS and Philhealth monthly contribution for one year upon registration.

This way, the welfare and health of PWDs are being looked upon and protected by the government.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly encouraged.


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**AN ACT ENCOURAGING SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs) TO
BECOME MEMBERS OF SSS AND PHILHEALTH AND GRANTING THEM ONE-YEAR
SUBSIDY ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OR THE
MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

BE it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Sec. 1. Title: This act shall be known as "Persons With Disability (PWD) Philhealth and SSS Coverage Act of 2011."

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy: It is State's policy to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society.

Toward this, the State shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons. It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities.

Sec: 3: Section 32 of Republic Act 7277 as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

(a) xxx xxx xxx

(i) To the extent practicable and feasible, the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), and PAG-IBIG, as the case may be, as are enjoyed by those in actual service. PERSONS WITH DISABILITY WHO ARE SELF-EMPLOYED, UPON REGISTRATION WITH THE SSS, BE ENTITLED TO A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF THEIR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION FOR ONE YEAR OF COVERAGE.

(j) xxx

(k) xxx

The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

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IV. CERTIFICATION FROM THE CITY OF MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER WHERE THE PERSON WITH DISABILITY RESIDES THAT HE/SHE IS SELF-EMPLOYED.

Sec. 4. Section 28 of Republic Act 7875, is further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 28. Contributions. – All members of the Program shall contribute to the Fund, in accordance with a reasonable, equitable and progressive contribution schedule to be determined by the Corporation on the basis of applicable actuarial studies and in accordance with the following guidelines.

a) xxx

b) Contributions from self-employed members shall be based primarily on household earnings and assets; their total contributions for one year shall not, however, exceed three percent (3%) of their estimated actual net income for the preceding year. SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, UPON REGISTRATION WITH THE PHILHEALTH, BE ENTITLED TO A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF THEIR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION FOR ONE YEAR OF COVERAGE PROVIDED THAT THE PERSON HAS CERTIFICATION FROM THE CITY OF MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER WHERE THE PERSON WITH DISABILITY RESIDES THAT HE/SHE IS A SELF-EMPLOYED.

Sec. 5. Appropriations: The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the annual general appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations: The Secretary of the Social Welfare and Development, the Social Security System and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7: Separability clause: The declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provisions of this Act shall not affect the other provisions.

Sec . 8. Repealing clause: Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,