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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2173

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws and the Committee on Appropriations on 16 MAY 2012

Re : House Bill No. 6184

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 3058, 3391, 3598 and 4467

Sponsors : Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Ma. Theresa Bonoan-David, Carol Jane B. Lopez, Diosdado M. Arroyo and Emmi A. De Jesus

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 3058, introduced by Reps. Ma. Theresa B. Bonoan-David and Maria Isabelle "Beng" G. Climaco entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PENAL PROVISION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT",

House Bill No. 3391, introduced by Reps. Carol Jane B. Lopez, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rogelio J. Espina M.D., Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Alfredo Garbin, Jr., Mel Senen S. Sarmiento, Diosdado M. Arroyo, Justin Marc S. Chipeco, Emil L. Ong, Ma. Georgina Perez-De Venecia, Juan C. Ponce Enrile, Jr., Sergio A.F. Apostol, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Deogracias B. Ramos, Jr., Romeo M. Acop, Jesus N. Sacdalan, Arnel M. Cerafica, Napoleon S. Dy, Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste, Elmer E. Panotes, Erico B. Aumentado, Roilo S. Golez, Ma. Amelita A. Calimbas-Villarosa, Michael Angelo C. Rivera, Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel, Catalina Leonen-Pizzaro, Sharon S. Garin, Thelma Z. Almario, Pablo John F. Garcia, Pastor M. Alcover, Jr., Mariano U. Piamonte, Jr., Enrique Murphy Cojuangco, Ponciano D. Payuyo, Elpidio F. Barzaga, Jr., Benhur L. Salimbangon, Salvador III P. Cabaluna, Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Oscar G. Malapitan, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Arturo B. Robes, Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, Reena Concepcion G. Obillo, Jose II S. Aquino, Florencio T. Flores, Jr., Francis Emmanuel R. Ortega, Salvio B. Fortuno, Maria Evita R. Arago, Carlos M. Padilla, Luis R. Villafuerte, Antonio C. Alvarez, Maria Zenaida B. Angping, Antonio F. Lagdameo, Jr., Eduardo R. Gullas, Rosenda Ann Ocampo, Antonio A. Ferrer, Joaquin Carlos Rahman A. Nava, Seth

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"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 3598, introduced by Rep. Diosdado M. Arroyo, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATORS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000",

and House Bill No. 4467, introduced by Reps. Emmi A. De Jesus, Teddy A. Casiño, Neri Colmenares, Rafael V. Mariano, Raymond V. Palatino, Antonio L. Tinio, Ma. Victoria R. Sy-Alvarado, Winston "Winnie" Castelo and Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, entitled:

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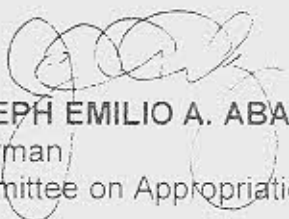
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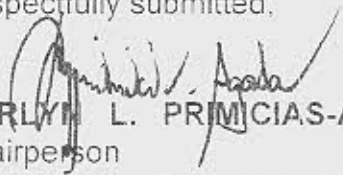
be approved in substitution to House Bill Nos. 3058, 3391, 3598 and 4467 with Reps. Ma. Theresa B. Bonoan-David, Maria Isabelle "Beng" G. Climaco, Carol Jayne B. Lopez, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo, Emmi De Jesus, Teodoro Casiño, Salvador H. Escudero III, Rogelio J. Espina, M.D., Neri Colmenares, Rafael V. Mariano, Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Raymond Palatino, Antonio Tinio, Alfredo Garbin, Jr., Mel Senen S. Sarmiento, Ma. Victoria R. Sy-Alvarado, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Justin Marc S. Chipeco, Emil L. Ong, Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy,

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

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AN ACT
GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLO
PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000"

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

1 SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of Republic Act No. 8972 are hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
4 promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its
5 solidarity and ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall
6 develop a comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their
7 children to be carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and
8 Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), the [Department
9 of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION (DEPED), the Department of the Interior and Local
11 Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the
12 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the
13 National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and
14 Employment (DOLE) and other related government and non-government
15 agencies.

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

18 a) "Solo parent" – any individual who falls under any of the
19 following categories:

20 (1) A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other
21 crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the
22 offender: *Provided*, That the mother keeps [and raises] the child
23 AND BEARS SOLO AND LONE PARENTING RESPONSIBILITY ;

(3) Parent [left solo or alone with the] WHO BEARS SOLE AND LONE PARENTING responsibility [of parenthood] while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least [one (1) year] SIX (6) MONTHS;

x x x

(5) Parent [left solo or alone with the] WHO BEARS SOLE AND LONE PARENTING responsibility [of parenthood] due to legal separation or *de facto* separation from spouse for at least [one (1) year] SIX (6) MONTHS, as long as [he/she] THE SOLO PARENT is entrusted with the custody of the children;

x x x

(7) Parent [left solo or alone with the] WHO BEARS SOLO AND LONE PARENTING responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least [one (1) year] SIX (6) MONTHS;

x x x

(9) Any [other person] LEGAL GUARDIAN, ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENT who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;

x x x

(11) PARENT WHO BEARS SOLO AND LONE PARENTING RESPONSIBILITY DUE TO THE DISABILITY OR INCAPACITY OF THE OTHER SPOUSE TO BE EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS;

x x x

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

SEC. 2. Sections 4 and 5 of the same Act are hereby amended to read as follows:

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

3 (1) Scholarship programs for qualified solo parents and their
4 children in institutions of basic, tertiary, and technical [1] OR
5 VOCATIONAL skills education; and

6 x x x
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8 SEC. 10. *Housing Benefits.* - Solo parents shall be given allocation
9 in housing projects and shall be provided with liberal terms of payment on
10 said government low-cost housing projects in accordance with housing
11 law provisions prioritising applicants below the poverty line as declared by
12 the [NEDA] NSCB."
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14 SEC. 4. New sections to be denominated as Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 are
15 hereby added to read as follows:

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17 "SEC. 13. *SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD (SPIC).* -
18 UPON APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPER DOCUMENTS,
19 AN IDENTIFICATION CARD APPROVED BY THE LOCAL CHIEF
20 EXECUTIVE WHERE THE SOLO PARENT RESIDES, SHALL BE
21 ISSUED TO THE QUALIFIED SOLO PARENT BY THE CITY OR
22 MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.
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24 SEC. 14. *ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.* - A SOLO PARENT
25 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

26 A) TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT ON CHILDREN'S
27 CLOTHING MATERIALS FOR ALL PURCHASES MADE
28 WITHIN TWO (TWO) YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF THE
29 CHILD OF THE SOLO PARENT;

30 B) FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) DISCOUNT ON BABY'S MILK,
31 FOOD AND FOOD SUPPLEMENT FOR ALL PURCHASES
32 MADE WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF THE
33 CHILD OF THE SOLO-PARENT;

1 C) FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES
2 OF THE SOLO PARENT OF MEDICINES AND OTHER
3 MEDICAL SUPPLEMENT OR SUPPLIES THAT SHALL BE
4 USED BY THE CHILD WHO ARE FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND
5 BELOW.

6 TO AVAIL OF THESE BENEFITS, THE SOLO PARENT SHALL
7 SUBMIT OR PRESENT THE SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD
8 AND THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR OTHER EVIDENCE
9 OF ENTITLEMENT.

10 THE CORPORATION OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT THAT
11 GIVES A DISCOUNT TO THE SOLO PARENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
12 THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM THE DISCOUNT
13 GIVEN AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE SUBJECT TO PROPER
14 RECORDING AND DOCUMENTATION.

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16 SEC. 15. *INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING AND MONITORING*
17 *COMMITTEE.* -- A SPECIAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE, HEREINAFTER
18 REFERRED TO AS THE COMMITTEE, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED TO
19 COORDINATE AND MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT. THE
20 COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL BE CONSTITUTED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS
21 UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE
22 FOLLOWING:

- 23 A) SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
24 DEVELOPMENT, AS CHAIRPERSON;
25 B) SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR AUTHORIZED
26 REPRESENTATIVE;
27 C) SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OR AUTHORIZED
28 REPRESENTATIVE;
29 D) SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT OR
30 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;
31 E) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL
32 GOVERNMENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;
33 F) SECRETARY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OR
34 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;

- 1 G) COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE;
2 H) CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER
3 EDUCATION;
4 I) CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON CIVIL
5 SERVICE;
6 J) CHAIRPERSON OF PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON
7 WOMEN
8 K) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION
9 AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;
10 L) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC
11 AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;
12 M) GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING
13 AUTHORITY;
14 N) CHAIRPERSON OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
15 MUSLIM FILIPINOS (NCMF);
16 O) NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
17 (NCIP), AND
18 P) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF LOCAL
19 AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS MEMBERS.

20 THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REGULAR REPORT TO
21 CONGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT EVERY
22 THREE (3) YEARS FOLLOWING ITS EFFECTIVITY.

23 SEC. 16. *PENALTIES.* – ANY PERSON, CORPORATION,
24 ENTITY OR AGENCY WHO REFUSES OR FAILS TO PROVIDE THE
25 BENEFITS GRANTED TO THE SOLO PARENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS
26 ACT SHALL SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

- 27 1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION – A FINE OF NOT LESS
28 THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10, 000.00) BUT NOT
29 MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50, 000.00) OR
30 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS
31 BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, OR BOTH, AT THE
32 DISCRETION OF THE COURT;

1 2) FOR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS – A FINE OF NOT LESS
2 THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100, 000.00)
3 BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND
4 PESOS (P200, 000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS
5 THAN ONE (1) YEAR BUT NOT MORE TWO (2) YEARS,
6 OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

7 IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION,
8 PARTNERSHIP, ORGANIZATION OR ANY SIMILAR ENTITY,
9 THE EMPLOYEES AND THE OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED
10 SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER, MANAGING
11 PARTNER OR OTHER OFFICER CHARGED WITH THE
12 MANAGEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS SHALL BE LIABLE
13 THEREFOR.

14 IF THE OFFENDER IS AN ALIEN, THE OFFENDER
15 SHALL BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE OF
16 SENTENCE WITHOUT FURTHER DEPORTATION
17 PROCEEDINGS.

18 UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT, AND
19 AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER
20 AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR
21 REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO
22 OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES
23 GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT FAILS TO ABIDE
24 BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

25 ANY PERSON WHO MISREPRESENTS STATUS OR
26 FALSIFIES ANY DOCUMENT TO AVAIL OF BENEFITS
27 PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT OR ANY PERSON WHO ABUSES
28 THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED
29 WITH A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS
30 (P10, 000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS

1 (P50, 000.00) AND IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX
2 (6) MONTHS.

3 UPON FINDING BY THE DSWD THAT A DEPARTMENT,
4 AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, A
5 GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATION
6 (GOCC) OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, HAD VIOLATED
7 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, SANCTIONS UNDER THE
8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LAWS MAY
9 BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CSC OR THE DILG AGAINST THE
10 HEAD OF THE AGENCY OR THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE
11 AND THE PERSON DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
12 VIOLATION."

13 SEC. 5. Sections 13 and 14 of the same Act are hereby renumbered as

14 Sections 17 and 18 and amended to read as follows:

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16 "SEC. [13] 17. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – [An
17 interagency committee headed by] WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM
18 THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, the DSWD SHALL, in CONSULTATION
19 AND coordination with the DOH, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA,
20 and DILG, DTI, BIR, NEDA, CSC, NCMF, NCIP, PCW AND ULAP [is
21 hereby established which shall formulate, within ninety (90) days upon the
22 effectivity of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations for the
23 effective implementation of this Act in consultation with the local
24 government units, non-government organizations and people's
25 organizations.], ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS
26 FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

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28 SEC. [14] 18. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry
29 out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the
30 concerned government agencies in the ANNUAL General Appropriations
31 Act (GAA).

1 "GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAY UTILIZE A PORTION OF
2 THEIR RESPECTIVE BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ON
3 GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

4 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, GENDER AND
5 DEVELOPMENT REFERS TO PROCESSES UNDERTAKEN BY
6 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ADDRESS GENDER ISSUES AND
7 TRANSFORM THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
8 STRUCTURES OF THE SOCIETY TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY
9 AND EMPHASIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF WOMEN AS ACTIVE
10 AGENTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND NOT JUST PASSIVE RECIPIENTS
11 OF ASSISTANCE."

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13 SEC. 6. Sections 15, 16 and 17 of the same Act, are hereby renumbered as
14 Sections 19, 20 and 21, respectively.

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16 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
17 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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19 *Approved.*

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FACT SHEET

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House Bill No.

In Substitution of House Bill No. 3058, 3391, 3598 and 4467

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000."

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OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen the law on "solo parents" by granting additional benefits and reducing the waiting period from one (1) year to six (6) months for which a person can be qualified as a solo parent.
- To ensure the effective implementation of the law on solo parents by providing penalties to those individuals or institutions who fail to enforce the provisions of the Act.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Expands the qualification of a solo parent by including a person that was left to take the responsibility of parenthood due to the disability or incapacity of the other spouse to be employed for at least six (6) months.
- Enumerates discounts on commodities essential to child rearing such as milk, educational materials and medicines.
- Decreases the waiting period from one (1) year to six (6) months before a solo parent can be classified a solo parent therefore allowed to avail of the benefits set-forth.
- Creates an *Inter-Agency Coordinating and Monitoring Committee* to coordinate and monitor the implementation of this Act.
- Imposes *penalties* to any person, corporation, entity or agency that refuses or fails to provide the benefits granted to the solo parent in violation of this Act.
- Provides *Solo Parent Identification Card (Spic)* upon application and submission of proper documents to the local chief executive where the solo parent resides.

RELATED LAWS:

- 1987 Constitution of the Philippines
- RA 8972 Solo Parents Welfare Act