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HOUSE BILL NO. **6247**



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As enshrined in Section 9 Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the state shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, arising standard of living, and an improved quality for all.

For such purpose, the government initiated the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (4Ps) that provides conditional cash grants to the poorest of the poor, to improve the health and the education of children aged 0 to 18. It is patterned after the conditional cash transfer (CCT) schemes in Latin American and African countries, which have lifted millions of people around the world from poverty.

Perceptibly, in many developing countries, poverty is imputed to lack of education and poor health conditions. In the Philippines, the 4Ps addresses these two banes and endeavors to eliminate them by directly dealing with them head on. Hence, the conditional cash transfer may be availed of when the beneficiaries take upon themselves to send their children to school and avail of the medical services of the nearest health centers. By abiding by the conditions, the beneficiaries' domestic economy gets better and they become healthier and educated.

As of August 26, 2015 there have been 4,353,597 active household-beneficiaries, of which 570,056 are indigenous households and 217,359 have at least one PWD. The program also covers 10,235,658 schoolchildren aged 0 to 18, from the total registered with an average of two to three children per household.¹

If we are to sustain this progressive and dynamic program, it has to be institutionalized and made an integral part of the government's social development program, hence the proposed urgent measure.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Winnie Castelo". Below the signature, the name "WINNIE CASTELO" is printed in capital letters.

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¹<http://www.gov.ph/programs/conditional-cash-transfer/>

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Lingap Pamilya Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be institutionalized a conditional cash transfer program of the government to be known as the "*Lingap Pamilya*" with the end in view of strengthening the solidarity of the family and freeing them from poverty.

SEC. 3. The establishment of *Lingap Pamilya* shall be determined and undertaken by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2015 appropriations of the DSWD. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued maintenance of *Lingap Pamilya* shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,