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HOUSE BILL NO. 5201



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9 of the Philippine Constitution provides for the State's promotion of a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and freeing the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

The skyrocketing of basic commodities and the increasing difficulty of child care make it difficult for solo parents to discharge their inherent moral and social duties. The government should extend a little bit more assistance to solo parents than to underwrite their health care and education. Solo parents should receive monthly financial assistance in order to somehow insulate them from the effects of inflation. Solo parents grapple with the tough role of playing both father and mother to their children and the exacting responsibility of solely providing for them. The government should extend to them the much needed financial support.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.



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AN ACT

GRANTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000

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

SECTION 1. It is the declared policy of the State to protect solo parents and their children by upholding the integrity of their domestic economy and extending to them monthly financial assistance.

SEC. 2. Republic Act No. 8972 is hereby amended to add another section to be interpolated as Section 12 and to read as follows:

- a. *Section. 12. Financial Assistance – The Department of Social and Welfare Development shall develop a financial assistance program for solo parents and their children. The program shall be implemented by the DSWD through their poverty alleviation program.*
- b. Section 12 of RA 8972 shall henceforth be numbered Section 13 and so on and so forth.

SEC. 3. Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,