

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6600**



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**Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero**

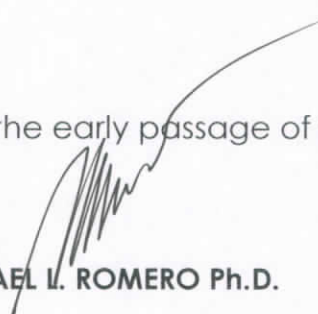
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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In the Republic of the Philippines, **Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT)** programs aim to reduce poverty by making welfare programs conditional upon the receivers' actions. The government (or a charity) only transfers the money to persons who meet certain criteria. These criteria may include enrolling children into public schools, getting regular check-ups at the doctor's office, receiving vaccinations, or the like. CCTs seek to help the current generation in poverty, as well as breaking the cycle of poverty for the next through the development of human capital.

This House Bill seeks to foster the **continuity** and **expansion** of the Conditional Cash Transfer program.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

**MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE TWO (2) PERCENT OF OUR ANNUAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) TO THE MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (CCT) PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to provide a social development strategy thru the national government that provides conditional cash grants to extremely poor households to improve their health, nutrition and education particularly of children age 0-14.

- a. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to allocate two **(2)** percent of our annual GDP to the conditional cash transfer program.
- b. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to promote poverty alleviation schemes in a successive and progressive manner.

**SECTION 2. TRANSITORY PROVISION** – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

**SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS** – The departments and agencies charged, to be lead by the Department of Social Welfare and Development **(DSWD)** with carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

**SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,