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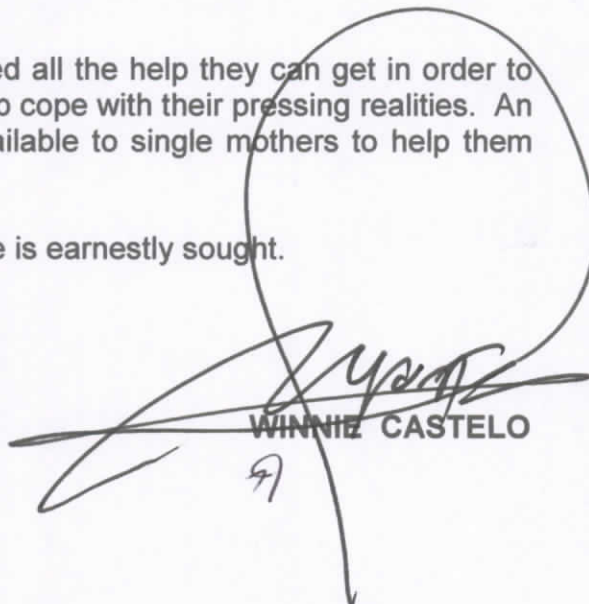
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

When mothers become solo parents, their economic as well as their physical faculties to rear their children become undermined. Both they and their children are unnecessarily prejudiced as they become hard-pressed in providing for their basic needs and in attending to their day to day affairs.

Regardless of who is at fault, single mothers need all the help they can get in order to subsist. The State should then assist them to help cope with their pressing realities. An emergency assistance fund should be made available to single mothers to help them support themselves and their children.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.



WINNIE CASTELO

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Winnie Castelo", is written over the printed name. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn circle.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR SOLO MOTHERS AND
APPROPRIATING 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 "Solo Mothers' Emergency Assistance Fund Act."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be established an Emergency Assistance Fund for Solo Mothers, who are entitled to the same in the event such status of being solo parents exists, regardless of the circumstances of the condition.

SEC. 3. Under this Act, Solo Mothers, upon establishing proof of their status as Solo Parents as defined in Republic Act No. 8972, shall submit an application for Emergency Assistance to the DSWD, which shall make available said emergency assistance in accordance with the current social and economic standing of the applicant.

SEC. 4. To effectively carry out the intent and purpose of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall issue the pertinent rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,