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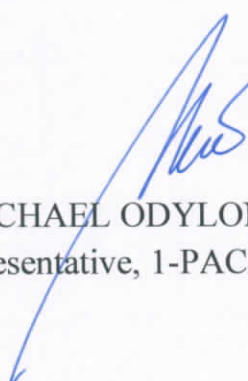
Introduced by Hon. MICHAEL ODYLON L. ROMERO, Ph.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Given the new developments since the Republic Act No. 10963 took effect, there has arisen an urgent necessity to increase the amount of the unconditional cash transfer (UCT) provided in Section 82.

Increase of the UCT to P500.00 would be enough to absorb the effects of 4 to 5 percent inflation, peso depreciation of 10 percent vis-a-vis the US dollar, elevated world crude oil prices, and help poor families eat three square meals a day.

This increase in the UCT will benefit 22 million poor Filipinos—15 million of whom are children.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 82 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHER
WISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND
INCLUSION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Unconditional
Cash Transfers Act of 2018*".

Section 2. Amendment of Section **82 of Republic Act No. 10963**. Section
82 of Republic Act No. 10963 is hereby amended as follows:

"...Unconditional cash transfer to households in the first to seventh
income deciles of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty
Reduction (NHTS-PR), Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, and the
social pension program for a period of three (3) years from the effectivity
of the Act: Provided That the unconditional cash transfer shall be **FIVE
HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) FOR THE FIRST, SECOND, AND
THIRD YEAR**, to be implemented by the Department of Social Welfare
and Development (DSWD); **PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE
AMOUNT OF THIS CASH GRANT MAY BE INCREASED, BUT**

NOT DECREASED, AS MAY BE NECESSARY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, UPON UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARIES OF FINANCE, SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;”

Section 3. Separability. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the online version of the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or with established internet website presence.

Approved.