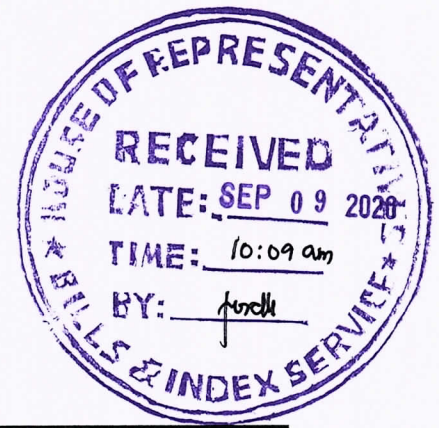


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a state policy to 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, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

Now, more than ever, it behooves the government to underwrite enhanced social amelioration subsidy in favor of the urban poor households who have taken the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the outbreak, daily wage earners subsist solely on government dole-outs. Recent history has seen how deplorable is the condition of the urban poor. It breaks the heart to see them queueing up under the heat of the sun in protracted hours amid the risk of contracting the disease just so to receive financial aid. Worse, some end up with whatever is in their pockets.

During pre-COVID times, the urban poor could hardly make ends meet with the open opportunity given them. How would they fare now? The government should do more to save them.

This bill seeks to institute continuous social amelioration subsidy with the end in view of seeing every urban poor household decently survive the pandemic.

The immediate passage of this timely legislative measure is thus most urgently sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTING CONTINUOUS SOCIAL AMELIORATION SUBSIDY TO EVERY
URBAN POOR HOUSEHOLD TO HELP THEM SURVIVE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the 'Covid-19 Social Amelioration Subsidy to Urban Poor Households Act.'

SEC. 2. *Continuous Social Amelioration Subsidy.* - Every urban poor household shall continue to receive social amelioration subsidy from the government so long as the Covid-19 pandemic exists in the land.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Agency.* - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall oversee the implementation of this Act. It shall also issue the guidelines for the effective operationalization of this Act. Furthermore, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in coordination with the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) within which the targeted beneficiaries belong, shall come up with a validated master list of names and households.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall hereby be mandated to allocate the amount necessary to effectively carry out the intent of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,