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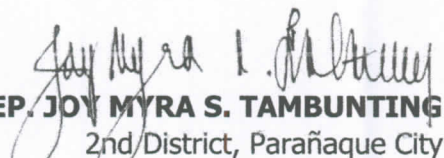
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 4Ps of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program is a development program of the national government which was created with the goal of uplifting the citizens, particularly the marginalized sectors, from poverty. It was designed to promote investment in human capital by providing conditional cash grants to the poorest of the poor, to improve the health, nutrition, and the education of children aged 0-18.

To date, 4Ps remain to be a top priority program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, receiving more than 100 Million for its yearly budget. Truly, this program served as safety net for poor households against the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic this year. It is reported that the number of poor Filipinos can increase by 5.5 million, if there weren't social protection programs such as emergency subsidy program (amounting to a maximum of P8,000 for the two months of lockdown earlier this year) and the small business wage subsidies. With the aid of 4Ps, ESP and SBWS, the increase of poor Filipinos lowered to 1.5 million instead.

In this regard, this Representation believes that there is a need to provide further assistance to 4Ps household beneficiaries to ensure that they could cope with the impacts of the pandemic. This measure seeks to provide electrical subsidy to 4Ps beneficiaries to account for the increase in power consumption due to the implementation of blended learning. With this additional electricity grant, we empower our beneficiaries to pursue and harness their entrepreneurial skills so that they may be able to sustainably provide for themselves and to overcome their present conditions. This measure also proposes for the provision of entrepreneurship assistance to qualified beneficiaries in building their own micro and small businesses.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LIVELIHOOD IN 4PS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)"

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as "An Act Promoting Entrepreneurship and Livelihood in 4Ps".

Sec. 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Declaration of Policies. - The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors 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 State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

(a) xxx;

xxx xxx xxx;

(g) Improve maternal health; [and]

(h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all[:];

AND

(i) PROMOTE LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR ALL TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT."

Sec. 3. Section 4 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). - The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve the health, nutrition, **LIVELIHOOD**, and education aspect of their lives. The National Advisory Council (NAC) may recommend a longer period under exceptional circumstances."

Sec. 4. Section 7 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC 7. Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries. - The Advisory Council shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the following schemes:

(a) xxx;

XXX XXX XXX;

(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty (PhP750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year.

The health/nutrition grant component aims to promote healthy practices and family development, improve the health nutritional status of pregnant and post-partum mothers, infants and young children, and increase the use of health services by the household-beneficiary. The health grant is a fixed amount and does not depend on the number of members in the household[.];

(E) ELECTRIC UTILTIY GRANT SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP500) PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARY. THE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL BE TRANSFERED FROM DSWD TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE DISTRIBUTION POWER UTILIDES, PARTICULARLY TO THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

THE ELECTRIC UTILTIY GRANT COMPONENT AIMS TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILTIY TO ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY OF HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARIES, TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDIDONS AND TO ENABLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR MICRO AND SMALL BUSINESS. THE ELECTRIC UTILTIY GRANT IS A FIXED AMOUNT AND DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE HOUSEHOLD."

Sec. 5. Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. Conditions of Entitlement. - All qualified household-beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued program eligibility:

(a) xxx;

xxx xxx xxx;

(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or secondary classes at least eighty-five (85%) of their time; [and]

(f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month[:]; **AND**

(G) AT LEAST ONE (1) RESPONSIBLE PERSON MUST JOIN AND COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO (2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP OR LIVELIHOOD SEMINARS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR THEIR ACCREDITED PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE SECOND YEAR OF ENROLLMENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARIES."

Sec. 6. Section 13 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. **ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND Livelihood Interventions.** - [Qualified household beneficiaries] **THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REQUIRED SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS SHALL be given** [priority in the availment of the] **ACCESS TO THE** modalities and interventions under DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) or other appropriate or similar programs offered by other government agencies or accredited private institutions.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THE EASE OF ESTABLISHING A MICRO AND SMALL BUSINESS AND THE LINK TO THE TARGET CLIENTELE OF THE 4PS ENTREPRENEUR."

Sec 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. – Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, resolutions, orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this \Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,