



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 11012



Introduced by
HON. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO

**AN ACT
PROVIDING MONTHLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES, AMENDING SECTION 32 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS
AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to a 2022 study conducted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), children with disabilities need an expenditure that is 40 to 80 percent higher than other children with disabilities. Poverty rates are also 50 percent higher in households with children with disabilities. While Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability provides various benefits and privileges to persons with disabilities (PWDs), the study finds that only the relatively well-off households benefited from them—the poorest income quintile received less than 6 percent of the total subsidy of the sector.

Under Article XIII Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution:

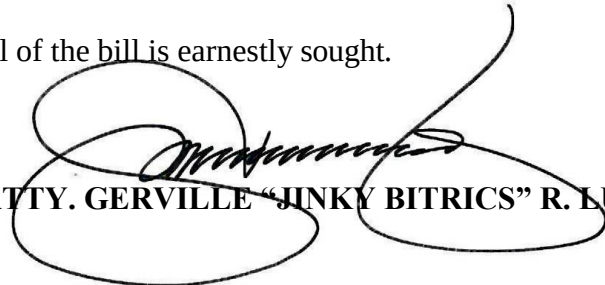
“Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good”

¹<https://www.unicef.org/philippines/media/5941/file/Full%20report%20-%20cost%20of%20raising%20children%20with%20disabilities%20in%20the%20Philippines.pdf>

²<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/1987-constitution/>

RA 7277, as amended, provides for ample provisions that seek to reduce socio-economic inequalities experienced by PWDs. In reality, however, it reveals that it falls short of its promise of doing so, considering that the poorer PWDs and their families are limited, if not devoid, of the benefits they are supposed to receive under the law. This Act proposes to insert a provision that provides a P1,000 monthly financial assistance to PWDs who are indigent/fall below the national poverty threshold. With this proposed legislation, it is hoped that low-income PWDs along with their families are provided with some financial space to allow them to meet their needs, whether it be for basic goods and commodities, medicines, education, and other essentials needs necessary to live and leads a decent life.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. A new subsection is inserted to Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability”, immediately after subsection (f), to read as follows:

“Sec. 32. xx:

a) xx

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g) Upon determination by the DSWD and through the assistance of local Person with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO), indigent PWDs or PWDs living below the poverty threshold, shall be eligible to a P1,000 monthly financial assistance, regardless of receipt of other government financial benefits/aid/assistance.

SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The appropriations necessary to carry out the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged from the existing budget of the DSWD for its initial and subsequent implementation. Thereafter, local government units with the exception of 4th, 5th, and 6th class municipalities shall ensure regular appropriations in their respective budgets for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,