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HOUSE BILL NO. 3450



**Introduced by Representatives Dante S. Garcia and
Kenneth Paolo Tereng**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11310, or the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act,” has the noble purpose of breaking the intergenerational poverty in the country. It is an investment to human capital and its success is undeniable as it uplifted the socio-economic status of many people and produced numerous board licensure top-notchers, who are former 4Ps beneficiaries.

However, Section 4 of RA 11310 has a sunset provision in which the grant of conditional cash transfer to poor households shall be for a maximum period of seven (7) years, or until the year 2026. According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development, a total of 1,899,899 beneficiaries will be forced to exit the Program and since these are vulnerable households, the chances of falling back to poverty are very high if no government interventions are provided.

Although the authors believe that the timeframe set forth in the law has the purpose of preventing dependency for support from the government, many families still remain highly vulnerable to external shocks such as economic downturns, natural disasters, or unexpected health crises, which can severely impede their progress.

Thus, there is a need to amend Sec. 4 of RA 11310 in order to have an evidence-based approach on setting a timeline that will truly attain the spirit of the law of achieving genuine and sustainable self-sufficiency to the 4Ps beneficiaries.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER TO POOR
HOUSEHOLDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM”, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Act” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 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 **BASED ON THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE BENEFICIARIES AFTER UNDERGOING THE**

PROGRAM of ~~seven (7)~~ years, to improve the health, nutrition and education aspect of their lives. The National Advisory Council (NAC) may recommend a longer period under exceptional circumstances.

SEC. 2. Separability clause. If any provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. Repealing clause. All laws, orders, rules and regulations, parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity clause. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation or in the Official gazette.

Approved,