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The Philippines has made significant strides in protecting the rights and welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through landmark legislation, notably Republic Act No. 7277, or the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability*," as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and Republic Act No. 10754. While these laws have provided a robust legal framework, a critical gap persists in providing consistent and universal financial support.

In particular, PWDs face substantial and unique economic challenges, including additional expenses for medicines, healthcare, assistive devices, and specialized transportation. The existing social pension program, which is currently limited to indigent PWDs, excludes a vast number of individuals who, despite not meeting the official criteria for indigency, still struggle with the financial burdens imposed by their disabilities.

By establishing a universal social pension for all registered PWDs, regardless of their income status, the government can help alleviate the financial strain on PWDs and their families. This monthly stipend will not only augment their daily subsistence but also promote their dignity, independence, and overall quality of life.

This proposed measure, which is an enhanced version of a similar bill filed by Representatives Alfred Delos Santos and Ernesto M. Dionisio, Jr. during the 19th Congress, seeks to address this disparity.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR ALL
REGISTERED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 the "*Universal Social Pension for PWDs Act.*"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to uphold the rights and well-being of Persons with Disability (PWDs), as enshrined in Republic Act No. 7277, also known as the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability,*" as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and Republic Act No. 10754. The State recognizes that disability imposes unique and substantial costs of living and shall, therefore, provide a universal social pension to all registered PWDs. This grant is intended to augment their daily subsistence and help cover essential expenses such as medicines, healthcare, and assistive devices. This measure is in line with the State's commitment to ensure the dignity, well-being, and full participation of PWDs in society, moving beyond the current focus on indigent PWDs to provide a more inclusive and comprehensive social safety net.

SECTION 3. Grant of Social Pension. A universal social pension of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) per month is hereby granted to all PWDs who are duly registered with the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) and included in the national PWD registry.

SECTION 4. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for and to receive the social pension, a person must be a registered PWD and must present a valid PWD Identification Card (ID) upon claiming their benefit. The PWD ID shall serve as the official and sole proof of disability and registration required for this purpose.

SECTION 5. *Unconditional Grant.* The social pension shall be granted regardless of the PWD's income, employment status, or any other pension they may be receiving from the government or private entities.

SECTION 6. *Lead Implementing Agency and Coordination.* - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in close coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), and the PDAO of each Local Government Unit (LGU), shall be the lead agency responsible for the overall implementation of this Act, including the disbursement of funds and the management of the PWD registry.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* - The amount required for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The DSWD, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the exact amount needed each fiscal year based on the total number of eligible PWDs and the prescribed monthly pension rate.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in consultation with the NCDA, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and representatives from PWD organizations, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* If any part of this Act is deemed unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in force.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, or orders inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,