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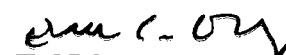
The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the State to promote a just and dynamic social order and to provide adequate social services to the underprivileged and the vulnerable.

Republic Act No. 11310, or the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act," institutionalized the 4Ps as a key social protection measure for poor households. However, the growing challenges of inflation, calamities, economic shocks, and health emergencies have revealed the need to expand and integrate support mechanisms to assist not only the traditionally poor but also individuals and families in crisis or economic distress.

This proposed measure strengthens and expands the 4Ps by establishing the **Pantawid Pag-asa Program**, which consolidates existing social amelioration programs such as AICS, AKAP, TUPAD, and Food Stamps under a unified framework. It ensures timely and transparent delivery of aid, prohibits political exploitation, institutionalizes a centralized social protection database, and prioritizes resilience-building for vulnerable sectors. The bill likewise seeks to protect Filipino families from falling deeper into poverty while promoting sustainable recovery and socio-economic security.

This bill complements a Senate measure introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson and reflects a common legislative intent in both chambers of the 20th Congress.

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


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AN ACT EXPANDING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT”

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Expanded Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act of 2025*".

SEC. 2. Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby 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, **VULNERABILITY TO RISKS, AND CRISIS** through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

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(g) Improve maternal health; ~~and~~

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

(I) **PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AMONG FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS."**

SEC. 3. Sec. 3 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act, the following terms are defined, as follows:

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A) ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (“AICS”) – REFERS TO THE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (“DSWD”) THAT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUTRIGHT CASH OR GUARANTEE LETTER TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CRISES SUCH AS ILLNESS, DEATH, DISPLACEMENT, CALAMITY, VIOLENCE, OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING URGENT SUPPORT. ASSISTANCE MAY COVER MEDICAL, FOOD, EDUCATIONAL, TRANSPORTATION, BURIAL, PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION, OR OTHER EMERGENCY NEEDS;

{{a}} (B) Authorized Government Depository Banks – refer to banking institutions accredited and managed by government which is also categorized as government owned and -controlled corporation or government financial institution;

(C) AYUDA SA KAPOK ANG KITA PROGRAM (“AKAP”) – REFERS TO THE TARGETED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT PROVIDES DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHOSE INCOME IS BELOW THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM WAGE RATE AND WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION. THESE INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN THE FORMAL OR INFORMAL SECTOR, OR SELF-EMPLOYED, WHOSE INCOME IS BELOW THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM WAGE RATE.

{{b}} (D) Case Management – refers to a process used by the DSWD to enable the household-beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** to improve their functioning by dealing with their difficulties specifically in complying with the terms of the program;

{{e}} **(E)** Compliance Verification – refers to the checking and monitoring undertaken to ensure that the qualified household-beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** comply with conditions for entitlement set forth by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) **AND ITS EXPANDED PROGRAM;**

{{d}} **(F)** Conditional Cash Grant – refers to the amount received by the qualified household beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** who comply with the conditions for entitlement;

(G) FOOD PROVISION THROUGH FOOD STAMP – REFERS TO DSWD'S MONETARY-BASED ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD THAT WILL BE LOADED WITH FOOD CREDITS TO PURCHASE A SELECT LIST OF FOOD COMMODITIES FROM PARTNER MERCHANT STORE/S. THIS SEEKS TO DECREASE THE INCIDENCE OF INVOLUNTARY HUNGER EXPERIENCED BY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND MAKE THEM PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY.

{{e}} **(H)** Grantee – refers to the most responsible adult member of the qualified household-beneficiary authorized to receive the conditional cash transfer **OR INDIVIDUAL IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT;**

{{f}} **(I)** Grievance Redress System – refers to the mechanism of the DSWD which addresses and resolves issues and concerns related to the implementation of the Program;

{{g}} **(J)** Health Facility – refers to a barangay health station, rural health unit, barangay health center, infirmary or hospital;

{{h}} **(K)** Institutionalization – refers to making the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) **AND ITS EXPANDED PROGRAM** an added function of the DSWD and {a}-regular programS funded from its annual appropriation;

{{i}} **(L)** Poor – refers to households **OR INDIVIDUALS** whose income falls below the poverty threshold as defined by the ~~National Economic and Development Authority~~ **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT** and cannot afford in a sustained manner to provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing and other essential amenities of life;

{{j}} **(M)** Preventive Health Check – up refers to health and

nutrition services comprising of complete immunization, deworming, growth and development monitoring, management of childhood diseases, malnutrition, and services for pregnant, lactating, and post-partum women;

~~{{(k)}}~~ **(N)** Qualified Household-Beneficiaries – refer to households identified by the DSWD for entitlement to the monthly conditional cash grants as provided under Section 6 of this Act;

~~{{(l)}}~~ **(O)** Responsible Person – refers to the parent or guardian in the qualified household-beneficiary;

~~{{(m)}}~~ **(P)** Standardized Targeting System – refers to a system for **COLLECTING, PROCESSING, VALIDATING AND GENERATING DATA AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO SERVE AS THE BASIS IN TARGETING HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE PLANNING, BUDGETING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS;** ~~{identifying who and where the poor households are through the generation of socioeconomic database of poor households that is adopted by national government agencies and implemented by the DSWD; and}~~

~~{{(n)}}~~ **(Q)** Sustainable Livelihood Program – refers to the livelihood and capability building program managed by the DSWD for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized families and individuals to help improve their socioeconomic conditions. The one-time livelihood assistance is in the form of Microenterprise Development (“MD”) and Employment Facilitation (“EF”). The MD track provides microenterprise interventions to the poor or savings generation while the EF track provides interventions that facilitate employment.

(R) TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING DISADVANTAGED WORKERS (“TUPAD”) – REFERS TO EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (“DOLE”) THAT THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDES SAFETY NET THROUGH TEMPORARY WAGE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 10-90 DAYS TO VULNERABLE, MARGINALIZED AND DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS.

(S) PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ID (ALSO KNOWN AS THE “PHILSYS ID” OR “PHILID”- AN OFFICIAL, GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT FOR FILIPINO CITIZENS AND RESIDENT ALIENS, SERVING AS A VALID PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR TRANSACTIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTITIES

(T) PHILSYS CARD NUMBER (PCN)- REFERS TO A 16-DIGIT PUBLIC NUMBER FOUND ON THE FRONT OF A PERSON'S PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ID

SEC. 4. A new section is hereby added after Section 13 of Republic Act No. 11310, which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 14. PANTAWID PAG-ASA. – THE PANTAWID PAG- ASA IS A RATIONALIZED SUPPORT PROGRAM OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) AIMED AT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS, REGARDLESS OF FORMAL POVERTY CLASSIFICATION, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC DISTRESS DUE TO A CRISIS SITUATION, SUDDEN LOSS OF INCOME, OR DISRUPTION OF NORMAL FUNCTIONING. THIS INCLUDES THOSE UNABLE TO MEET BASIC NEEDS OR ESSENTIAL EXPENDITURES-SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, OR UTILITIES-AS A RESULT OF LOW INCOME, DISPLACEMENT, ILLNESS, CALAMITY, OR OTHER FORMS OF SOCIOECONOMIC VULNERABILITY.

ALL EXISTING SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAMS OR "AYUDAS", SUCH AS AKAP, AICS PROGRAM, TUPAD PROGRAM; FOOD STAMP, AND OTHER SIMILAR SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER PANTAWID PAG-ASA.

SEC. 15. PANTAWID PAG-ASA COVERAGE. – A FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL, FOOD, EDUCATIONAL, TRANSPORTATION, FUNERAL, DISABILITY SUPPORT, PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUCH OTHER IMMEDIATE MATERIAL NEED THAT THE DSWD MAY DEEM ESSENTIAL AND URGENT.

SEC. 16. PANTAWID PAG-ASA CASH ASSISTANCE TRANSFER. – THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND ALLOWABLE FREQUENCY OF ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND THE MODE OF CASH TRANSFER AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 9 OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHALL BE FORMULATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, AND BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION, POVERTY THRESHOLDS, AND AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE APPROVED CASH ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS AND GUIDELINES: PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT THE CASH-TRANSFER SHALL BE MADE WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE

SUBMISSION OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION THEREOF BY THE DSWD SOCIAL WORKER. NO PAYOUTS IN CASH IN OFF-SITE VENUES NOR PAYOUTS IN GROUPS SHALL BE MADE.

SEC. 17. PANTAWID PAG-ASA DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION. - THE DSWD SHALL ISSUE A STANDARD LIST OF DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCESS ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM. THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION CARD (PHILID) SHALL BE USED AS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT. PROVIDED, THAT IF THE PHILID IS NOT AVAILABLE, ANY VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION MAY BE ACCEPTED. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, SUCH AS NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS WHERE THE APPLICANT CANNOT PRESENT VALID IDENTIFICATION, THE DSWD SHALL TAKE A PHOTO OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND PREPARE A REPORT EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND REASONS FOR THE ABSENCE OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION. TO ENSURE PROPER VERIFICATION AND RECORD INTEGRITY, THE CORRESPONDING PHILSYS CARD NUMBER ("PCN") SHALL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE DSWD'S IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND BENEFICIARY DATABASE.

SEC. 18. SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION. - PANTAWID PAG-ASA IS A BRIDGE PROGRAM TO ASSIST CRISIS-AFFECTED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AND HELP DEVELOP BASIC CAPACITIES TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS AND IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. TOWARD THIS END, THE DSWD IS MANDATED TO BUILD CAPACITY AND ADAPTABILITY AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND HARDSHIP. FOR THIS PURPOSE, PANTAWID PAG-ASA BENEFICIARIES SHALL ALSO BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE AVAILMENT OF LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTIONS AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 13 OF THIS ACT.

SEC. 19. PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL EXPLOITATION AND MANIPULATION. - THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM SHALL BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE GENUINE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY SEEKING SUPPORT. NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SHALL INFLUENCE, OR REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS HAVING INFLUENCE OVER ANY PART OF THE PROGRAM'S IMPLEMENTATION.

IN LIKE MANNER, NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE SHALL ENDORSE, IN WHATEVER FORM, ANY INDIVIDUAL TO BE INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM. EXCEPT FOR AUTHORIZED DSWD PERSONNEL, NO OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE

OF THE GOVERNMENT SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSFER OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS NOR ISSUE GUARANTEE LETTERS. THE DSWD SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IS EXPLICITLY IDENTIFIED AS SOURCED FROM TAXPAYERS' MONEY, REGARDLESS OF THE MODE OF TRANSFER. NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL CLAIM THAT FUNDS WERE PROVIDED BY HIM/HER OR APPROPRIATED THROUGH HIS/HER EFFORTS. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL VIOLATE THIS PROVISION SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY OF PERPETUAL ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE.

SEC. 20. SOCIAL PROTECTION DATABASE. – THE DSWD SHALL MAINTAIN A CENTRALIZED DATABASE OF ALL SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING 4PS AND ITS PANTAWID PAG-ASA SUPPORT PROGRAM, AND THE BENEFICIARIES. THE PHILSYS CARD NUMBER ("PCN") OF THE INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE USED AS THE REFERENCE NUMBER IN THE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND DATABASE. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012, THE DSWD SHALL INSTITUTIONALIZE A MECHANISM FOR REAL TIME DATA SHARING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DOLE, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, TECHNICAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO IDENTIFY ASSISTANCE NEEDED, ADDRESS GAPS, DETERMINE THE FUNDING REQUIREMENT, AND PREVENT POSSIBLE ABUSE AND FRAUD.

SEC. 21. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT. – TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES, THERE SHALL EXIST A CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICE AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE, CRISIS INTERVENTION DIVISIONS AT THE FIELD OFFICES, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION UNITS AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE OFFICES OF THE DSWD THAT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED, MONITORED, AND EVALUATED NATIONWIDE. THE SECRETARY OF THE DSWD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CIO DIRECTOR AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND REGIONAL OFFICES, SHALL DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DBM AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS.

SEC. 22. CONSOLIDATION⁸ AND FUNDING OF AYUDA PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. – CONSISTENT WITH THE MANDATE OF THE DSWD TO PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED WELFARE PACKAGE THAT

CONSTITUTES STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS LEADING TO LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIVES OF TARGET BENEFICIARIES, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS CONCERNING SOCIAL AMELIORATION OR OF SIMILAR NATURE AND PURPOSE TO "AYUDA" THAT ARE HEREAFTER ESTABLISHED SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED, FUNDED, AND IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM: PROVIDED, THAT ALL AYUDA PROJECTS SHALL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

TO ENSURE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSITION IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA, THE DSWD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES AFFECTED, SHALL FORMULATE A TRANSITION PLAN WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE PHASED TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS THE PROGRAM COMPONENTS. PROVIDED, THAT ASSISTANCE TO EXISTING BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, SUBJECT TO UNIFIED GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL."

SEC. 5. All succeeding sections of Republic Act No. 11310 are renumbered accordingly.

SEC. 6. Sec. 17 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 26 to read as follows:

"SEC. [17] 26. Regular Monitoring. – The DSWD shall monitor the implementation of the program and report its status ~~{at least once every three (3) years}~~ **ANNUALLY** in order to ensure the attainment of the goals ~~{enumerated in Section 2 of}~~ **OF THE 4PS AND THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA UNDER** this Act
to the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines."

SEC. 7. Sec. 18 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 27 to read as follows:

"SEC. [18] 27. Report of the Program. – The DSWD shall annually publish a full report of the 4Ps **AND THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA** covering the implementation of the previous fiscal year. The said report shall include financial disclosures, the number of households included in **4Ps, the NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG- ASA**, and recommendations to the Advisory Council, the President, and to both chambers of Congress on how to further enhance it. This report shall be submitted to Congress before the submission of the President's Budget Message."

SEC. 8. Sec. 20 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and renumbered

as Section 29 to read as follows:

“SEC. [20] 29. Program Transparency. - [The] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012, THE DSWD shall regularly and timely post and update on its website a report of financial disclosures and information about beneficiaries based on geographical area, social, economic and cultural circumstances. THE SECRETARY OF THE DSWD SHALL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULAR POSTING AND UPDATING OF THE REPORT ON ITS WEBSITE”

SEC. 9. Sec. 21 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 30 to read as follows:

“SEC. [21] 30. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee. - Upon the effectivity of this Act, a Congressional Oversight Committee, hereafter referred to as the **4Ps AND PANTAWID PAG-ASA** Oversight Committee, is hereby constituted. This Committee shall set the overall framework to review the implementation of this Act. It shall likewise determine inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend necessary remedial legislation or executive measures.

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For purposes of determining remedial legislation, the **4Ps AND PANTAWID PAG-ASA** Oversight Committee shall, ~~{within}~~ **EVERY** three (3) years after the effectivity of this Act, conduct a ~~{sunset}~~ review which shall include a systematic evaluation of the impact of this Act, accomplishments of the program, and the performance of its implementing agencies.”

SEC. 10. Sec. 24 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 33 to read as follows:

“SEC. [24.] 33. Penalties. – Any person, whether or not acting in conspiracy with public officials, who, by act or omission, inserts or allows the insertion of data or false information, or who diverts from what ought to be contained in the registry, with the view of altering the fact, or aiding in the grant of the money to persons other than the qualified **INDIVIDUALS OR** household beneficiaries, shall be penalized with imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than one (1) year, or a fine of not less than Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) or both imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court. A public official who commits any of the acts provided herein shall be penalized with temporary disqualification to hold public office[.], **EXCEPT WHEN THE ACT FALLS UNDER SECTION 19 OF THIS ACT, IN WHICH CASE PERPETUAL ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION SHALL APPLY.** Administrative sanctions shall be imposed without prejudice to prosecution in the proper courts.”

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SEC. 11. 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. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in coordination with appropriate government departments and agencies with the participation of the local government units, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. *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. 14. *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. 15. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,