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House Bill No. **5400**

Introduced by: REP. ROSALIE "MOMMY ROSE" ANG SALVAME

AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) face unique challenges that often hinder their full participation in society. While Republic Act No. 7432 has provided a framework for social support to senior citizens, there remains a gap in institutionalized financial assistance for PWDs, especially those who are indigent, unemployed, or unable to earn a living due to their disability.

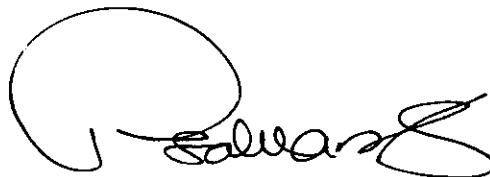
According to the 2020 Census, 8.68% of the population aged 5 and above or about 8.47 million people, have at least one functional difficulty.

This bill seeks to establish a monthly social pension – regular financial support from the government, for qualified PWDs could transform their lives in several ways. Many PWDs live in poverty due to limited employment opportunities. A pension helps cover essentials like food, shelter and hygiene, reducing dependence on family or charity.

PWDs often require ongoing medical care, assistive devices and rehabilitation. Financial support enables them to afford medications, therapy and transportation to clinics and medical facilities. For children and youth with disabilities, a pension can fund inclusive education, learning aids and school transport. It empowers families to invest in their child's future. Adults with disabilities can use the pension to start small businesses, pursue vocational training, or participate in community life fostering autonomy and self worth.

Families often bear the financial and emotional weight of caregiving. A pension eases this load, allowing caregivers to work or rest.

To promote their welfare, dignity, and independence, and to recognize their rights as equal members of society, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by the name 'Salvame' in a cursive script.

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

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SECTION 1. Short Title.

This Act shall be known as the "**Social Pension for Persons with Disabilities Act of 2025.**"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.

It is the policy of the State to promote the welfare of Persons with Disabilities by providing adequate social protection and support services. The State shall ensure that PWDs enjoy a decent standard of living and are empowered to participate fully in social, economic, and political life.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.

For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):** As defined under Republic Act No. 7277, as amended.
- **Indigent PWDs:** PWDs who have no regular source of income, are unemployed, or whose income falls below the poverty threshold as determined by the Philippine Statistics Authority.
- **Social Pension:** A monthly stipend provided by the government to qualified PWDs to augment their daily subsistence and medical needs.

SECTION 4. Social Pension Program.

A monthly stipend of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) shall be granted to all indigent PWDs, subject to periodic review and adjustment by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in consultation with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).

SECTION 5. Eligibility.

To qualify for the social pension, a PWD must:

- Be a Filipino citizen;
- Be officially registered in the PWD registry of the local government unit;
- Be indigent, as certified by the barangay and validated by the DSWD;
- Not be receiving any other pension or regular financial assistance from government or private institutions.

SECTION 6. Implementing Agencies.

The DSWD shall be the lead implementing agency, in coordination with the NCDA, local government units, and other relevant agencies. The DSWD shall develop guidelines for registration, validation, and disbursement of the pension.

SECTION 7. Appropriations.

The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DSWD. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Penalty Clause.

Any person who falsifies documents or misrepresents information to avail of the pension shall be penalized under existing laws, including but not limited to the Revised Penal Code and Republic Act No. 10175.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause.

All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified 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,