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HOUSE BILL NO. 6331



Introduced by SWERTE Party-list Representative
ARLYN P. AYON

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE FUND, PROVIDING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide direct financial support to solo parents to support low-income individuals, particularly those earning below the minimum wage, who are severely affected by rising inflation. While existing laws recognize the role of solo parents and provide benefits, many continue to face financial challenges that impact their ability to care for their children. The proposed measure establishes a dedicated national fund to provide a monthly cash subsidy of not less than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) to qualified solo parents.

Presently, the availability and timeliness of benefits under previous programs vary depending on the financial capacity and administrative efficiency of each LGU. Many solo parents, especially in low-income municipalities, experience long delays or receive no assistance at all because their LGU has no available funds or has yet to implement the program. Some LGU practices involve selective implementation based on local priorities or politics, leaving vulnerable solo parents underserved. The proposed measure addresses this issue as it ensures equity by making the benefits uniform nationwide regardless of LGU budget status. National-level disbursement reduces local discretion and delays in determining who receives payment, ensuring that all qualified solo parents access the subsidy in a timely and consistent manner.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will administer the Fund and oversee eligibility verification, disbursement, and monitoring, in coordination with LGUs. LGUs will assist in verification and distribution, ensuring accessibility, transparency, and timely delivery of benefits.

The subsidy will be disbursed semiannually on May 30 and November 30, aligning with the start of the school year and the Christmas season to help families meet essential expenses. The program is separate from LGU assistance, ensuring that benefits from the Fund are not reduced or substituted by local programs.

By providing predictable, national-level financial assistance, this Act strengthens social protection for solo parents, promotes equitable access to benefits, and helps improve the welfare and dignity of solo parents and their families.



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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 “Solo Parents Welfare Fund Act of 2025.”

Section 1. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of solo parents in nurturing and raising their children and to provide them with adequate financial support. Towards this end, the State shall establish a dedicated fund to ensure that solo parents experiencing financial difficulties receive timely financial assistance, without prejudice to any benefits granted by their respective LGUs.

Section 2. Creation of the Solo Parents Welfare Fund - There is hereby created the Solo Parents Welfare Fund, to be administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The Fund shall be used exclusively to provide cash subsidies to qualified solo parents in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. Coverage and eligibility - Financial assistance under this Act shall be granted to solo parents as defined under Republic Act No. 11865 otherwise known as the “Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act,” who are low-income individuals, including those earning below the minimum wage.

Eligible solo parents must not be receiving any other regular cash assistance program of the national government. Applicants must be duly registered and verified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), with assistance from the Local Government Units (LGUs).

Eligibility verification shall be conducted by DSWD field offices in

coordination with the social welfare offices to prevent duplication of benefits and ensure the integrity of the program.

Section 4. Amount and Schedule of Assistance - Qualified solo parents shall receive a monthly cash subsidy of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00), which totals Twelve Thousand Pesos (₱12,000.00) annually. For convenience and timely support, the annual subsidy shall be disbursed in two equal semiannual installments of Six Thousand Pesos (₱6,000.00) each, preferably on May 30 and November 30 of each year.

The cash subsidy provided under this Act shall not affect or reduce any financial assistance that the solo parent may receive from LGUs.

Section 5. Appropriations - The Fund shall be financed through appropriations in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) and other funding sources as may be allocated by the national government.

The DSWD shall have full authority over the disbursement of funds through its Field Offices, Crisis Intervention Units, Social Welfare and Development Satellite Offices, or other authorized channels.

Section 6. Role of LGUs - LGUs shall assist DSWD in the following manner:

- a. Verify the eligibility of solo parents in their jurisdiction;
- b. Facilitate distribution of cash subsidies through barangay halls, city halls, or other designated local venues;
- c. Designate personnel to manage registration, verification, and payout processes; and
- d. Ensure accessibility so that qualified solo parents are not required to travel far to receive benefits.

DSWD and LGUs shall establish a coordinated reporting and monitoring system to prevent duplication, promote transparency, and ensure accountability in the implementation of the Fund.

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The Secretary of DSWD, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall issue the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 8. Appropriations - The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and shall be used for the disbursement of cash subsidies and administrative costs related to the Fund.

Section 9. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared

Section 10. Repealing Clause - All laws, executive orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof 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.

This version now clearly specifies May 30 and November 30 as the semiannual payout

Approved,