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HOUSE BILL NO. 7888



Introduced by Representatives JOCELYN P. TULFO and RALPH WENDEL P. TULFO

**AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING
GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The true measure of a government's compassion is not just in the programs it creates, but in how effectively those programs reach the people who need them most.

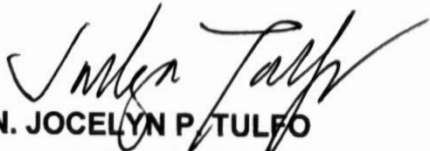
While landmark initiatives like the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD), and Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) have earned overwhelming public support—with satisfaction ratings ranging from 80% to 90% —a daunting gap remains between the promise of aid and its actual delivery.

For a Filipino in the midst of a medical emergency or the grief of losing a loved one, time is a luxury they do not have. Unfortunately, the current system often demands an exhausting array of documents that lead to processing delays, turning what should be a lifeline into an additional burden. We must move away from a culture of "red tape" and toward a culture of "red carpet" service for our marginalized sectors.

This bill, the "Simplified Government Aid Access Act," seeks to institutionalize a streamlined, standardized system for accessing urgent financial aid. By limiting requirements to three essential pillars—a valid government ID, a billing statement, and a social worker referral—we remove the bureaucratic hurdles that stand in the way of timely relief.

The goal is simple: to ensure that when a Filipino asks their government for help in their darkest hour, the answer is swift, the process is easy, and the assistance is immediate.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the "*Simplified Government Aid*
2 *Access Act.*"

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** — It is the policy of the State to promote the general
4 welfare of the Filipino people by ensuring that individuals and families experiencing difficult
5 situations are provided with timely and accessible financial assistance. Towards this end,
6 the government shall adopt measures to remove excessive documentary requirements
7 and streamline procedures for availing aid from government agencies.

8 **SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage.** — This Act shall apply to all national and local government
9 agencies and instrumentalities, including but not limited to the Department of Social
10 Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), and PhilHealth, which
11 provide medical, burial, and similar forms of financial assistance.

12 **SEC. 4. Standardized Minimum Requirements.** — To ensure the swift delivery of
13 immediate financial assistance, beneficiaries shall be required to submit only the following
14 three (3) documents:

- 15 1. **Proof of Identity:** A valid government-issued identification card (ID) of the
16 beneficiary.
17 2. **Proof of Expense:** A billing statement or invoice from the hospital, clinic, funeral
18 parlor, or other relevant service provider.
19 3. **Proof of Need:** A referral or endorsement letter issued by the City or Municipal
20 Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO) or a duly authorized
21 local social worker.

22 **Rules on Representation.** — In cases where the request for assistance is made
23 through a representative, said representative shall present an authorization letter duly
24 signed by the beneficiary, along with a valid government-issued ID of both the
25 beneficiary and the representative.

1 **Qualifications and Limitations of a Representative.** — The authorized
2 representative must ideally be a relative of the beneficiary within the fourth (4th) degree
3 of consanguinity or affinity, or a legal guardian.

4 Provided, that if the representative is not a relative within the fourth (4th) degree of
5 consanguinity or affinity, said representative is strictly prohibited from acting as a
6 representative for more than two (2) beneficiaries.

7 **SEC. 5. Streamlined Processing.** — All concerned government agencies shall process
8 requests for assistance within three (3) working days upon submission of complete
9 requirements.

10 **SEC. 6. Coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA).** — The DSWD and
11 implementing agencies shall coordinate with ARTA to ensure full compliance with Republic
12 Act No. 9485, as amended, and address complaints involving undue delays or excessive
13 requirements.

14 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — Within thirty (30) days from the
15 effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in coordination with ARTA, DOH, PCSO, PhilHealth, and
16 the DILG, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations.

17 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,
18 the remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect.

19 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, or rules inconsistent with this Act are
20 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

21 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
22 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

23 *Approved,*