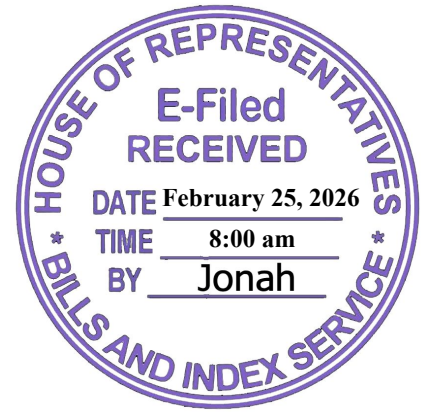


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8075

Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution mandates that "Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good" (Article XIII, Section 11).

In line with the 1987 Constitutional directive to promote a just and dynamic social order and prioritize the needs of the underprivileged, the State is mandated to ensure that social services are not only available but accessible to all. The hallmark of an effective government is its ability to respond to these needs with both speed and compassion, ensuring that the dignity of every citizen is upheld during times of crisis. When the bureaucracy acts as a bridge rather than a barrier, it fulfills its primary duty of serving the people with utmost efficiency and social justice. Currently, the Philippines' primary social protection programs, including the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD), and the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS), serve as the backbone of the national safety net. The success of these programs is reflected in Social Weather Stations (SWS) data, showing that a robust 80% to 90% of Filipinos find these programs helpful. However, a significant disconnect persists between the availability of these funds and the ease with which a citizen in crisis can access them. For many, the process of seeking these social protection assistance is plagued with bureaucratic red tape by requiring excessive documentary demands, and grueling long queues and waiting time. These administrative inefficiencies disproportionately burden the poor and marginalized, who often lack the resources or time to navigate a fragmented bureaucracy while dealing with urgent personal emergencies.

This bill seeks to institutionalize a streamlined and standardized system for accessing government financial aid. By establishing a clear, minimum set of requirements, limited to essential documents like a valid government ID, a billing statement, and a social worker referral, this measure aims to eliminate unnecessary hurdles. The goal is to ensure that in times of grief or illness, the State acts as a helper rather than a gatekeeper, delivering aid in the easiest and fastest way possible.

In view of the foregoing, the approval 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
2 "Direkta at Agad na Lingap at Interbensiyon (DALI) Act."

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4 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State shall promote a just and dynamic social
5 order and to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and
6 children, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the general welfare of the
7 Filipino people by ensuring that individuals and families in difficult situations are provided
8 with timely, dignified, and accessible financial assistance. To this end, the State shall adopt
9 proactive measures to eliminate excessive documentary requirements and institutionalize
10 streamlined, standardized procedures for availing aid from all government agencies.

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12 **Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage.** – This Act shall apply to all national and local
13 government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs),
14 government financial institutions (GFIs), and other instrumentalities—including their
15 respective social responsibility arms and corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs—
16 that provide medical, burial, and similar forms of financial assistance. Including but not
17 limited to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of
18 Health (DOH), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), and Philippine Insurance
19 Corporation (PhilHealth).

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21 **Sec. 4. Standardized Requirements.** – To avail of immediate financial assistance,
22 beneficiaries shall be required to submit only the following documents:

- 23 a. Valid government-issued identification (ID);
24 b. Billing statement from the hospital, clinic, funeral parlor or related entities;
25 and
26 c. Original or certified true copy of a medical certificate or medical abstract with
27 the date of issuance, complete name, signature and license number of the attending

1 physician, or death certificate issued by the hospital or the city/municipal health
2 office, whichever is applicable. Hospitals, clinics and other authorized medical
3 facilities issuing such medical certificates or medical abstracts shall, in coordination
4 with the DOH, ensure that the foregoing information is clearly indicated therein.

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6 Where the request for assistance is made through a representative, such
7 representative shall present an authorization duly signed by the beneficiary, or where
8 the beneficiary is unable to sign due to age, illness, disability, or illiteracy, such other
9 reasonable proof of authorization, along with a valid government-issued ID of both
10 the beneficiary and the representative. The authorized representative must be a
11 relative of the beneficiary within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, or
12 legal guardian: *Provided*, That no individual shall act as a representative for more
13 than two (2) beneficiaries.
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15 **Sec. 5. Digital Request for Government Aid.** – The Department of Information
16 and Communications Technology (DICT) shall be primarily tasked to develop and use
17 the eGov PH Super App or other appropriate digital systems or platforms as a mechanism
18 for Filipinos to avail aid from government agencies. The online or mobile application shall
19 be utilized to facilitate requests for medical, burial, and similar forms of
20 financial assistance.
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22 **Sec. 6. Streamlined Processing.** – All concerned government agencies shall
23 process requests for assistance within the day, subject to availability of funds:
24 *Provided*, That complete documentary requirements are submitted during official working
25 hours. Requests submitted on weekends, holidays or outside official working hours shall be
26 processed on the next working day.
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28 **Sec. 7. Coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Authority.** – The DSWD and all
29 implementing agencies shall coordinate with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) to ensure
30 full compliance with Republic Act No. 9485, as amended by Republic Act No. 11032 or the
31 "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018". They shall
32 likewise work with ARTA to address complaints involving undue delays, excessive
33 documentary requirements, or other forms of non-compliance with the provisions of this
34 Act.

35 **Sec. 8. Separability Clause.** If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held
36 invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.
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38 **Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters
39 of instructions, proclamations, and administrative regulations that are inconsistent with
40 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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42 **Sec. 10. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion
43 of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,