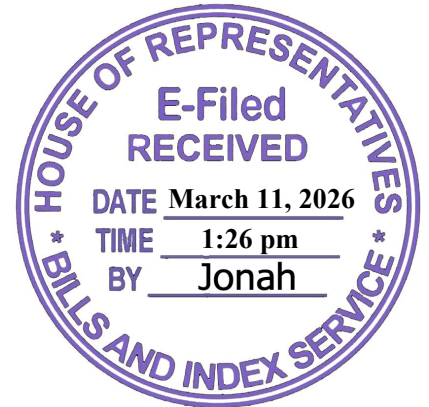




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8429



Introduced by Hon. Charisse Anne C. Hernandez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reduce and standardize the excessive paperwork currently required when ordinary Filipinos apply for government financial aid. These include cash transfers, calamity assistance, medical subsidies, scholarships, emergency loans, 4Ps grants, and other social welfare programs under DSWD, DOH, PCSO, Philhealth and LGUs.

Every day, millions of low-income Filipinos struggle with the same frustrating reality. To get help, they must gather a long list of documents: PSA birth certificates, barangay clearances, income tax returns or certificates of indigency, multiple IDs, proof of residency, marriage contracts, school records, and more. Each document costs money and time. Many applicants spend days lining up at different offices, pay for transportation they cannot afford, lose wages from missed work, and still get rejected for missing “one more requirement.”

The poor, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, single parents, and those in far-flung provinces suffer the most. During emergencies — typhoons, serious illness, or sudden job loss — these delays mean families go hungry or cannot pay hospital bills while waiting weeks or months for approval. Many simply give up and never receive the help the law promises them.

This bill cuts the red tape by allowing self-certification for basic information, accepting digital IDs and one government ID as sufficient proof, creating a standardized checklist across all agencies, and setting up one-stop processing centers. The goal is simple: make government assistance truly accessible so that aid reaches those who need it — quickly, fairly, and without unnecessary obstacles.

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


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

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 “Bilis Tulong Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State shall promote the general welfare of the Filipino people by ensuring that individuals and families in difficult situations are provided with timely and accessible financial assistance. To this end, the government shall adopt measures to remove excessive documentary requirements and streamline procedures for availing aid from government agencies.

SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* - This Act shall apply to all national and local government agencies and instrumentalities that provide medical, burial, and similar forms of financial assistance, including the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

SEC. 4. *Standardized Requirements.* - To avail of immediate financial assistance, beneficiaries shall be required to submit only the following documents:

- a) Valid government-issued identification (ID);
- b) Billing statement from the hospital, clinic, funeral parlor, or related entities; and
- c) Original or certified true copy of a medical certificate or medical abstract with the date of issuance, complete name, signature, and license number of the attending physician, or death certificate issued by the hospital or the city/municipal health office, whichever is applicable.

Hospitals, clinics, and other authorized medical facilities issuing such medical certificates or medical abstracts shall, in coordination with the DOH, ensure that the foregoing information is clearly indicated therein.

Where the request for assistance is made through a representative, such representative shall present an authorization letter duly signed by the beneficiary, or, where the beneficiary is unable to sign due to age, illness, disability, or illiteracy, such other reasonable proof of authorization as may be prescribed by the implementing rules and regulations, along with a valid government issued ID of both the beneficiary and the representative. The authorized

representative must be a relative of the beneficiary within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, or a legal guardian: Provided, that no individual shall act as a representative for more than two (2) beneficiaries.

SEC. 5. *Digital Requests for Government Aid.* - The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) shall be primarily tasked to develop and use the eGov PH Super App or other appropriate digital systems or platforms as may be prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations, as a mechanism for Filipinos to avail aid from government agencies. The online or mobile application shall be utilized to facilitate requests for medical, burial, and similar forms of financial assistance.

SEC. 6. *Streamlined Processing.* - All concerned government agencies shall process requests for assistance within the day, subject to availability of funds: Provided, that complete documentary requirements are submitted during official working hours. Requests submitted on weekends, holidays, or outside official working hours shall be processed on the next working day.

SEC. 7. *Coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Authority.* - The DSWD and all implementing agencies shall coordinate with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) to ensure full compliance with Republic Act No. 9485, as amended by 8 Republic Act No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018". They shall likewise work with ARTA to address complaints involving undue delays, excessive documentary requirements, or other forms of non-compliance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in coordination with ARTA, DOH, PCSO, PhilHealth, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and parts hereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,