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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the state to promote the general welfare of the Filipino people, especially those who are in difficult situations, to have a right to timely and accessible financial assistance. It is ironic, however, that despite numerous laws – i.e. Anti-Red Tape Act (RA 9485) and Ease of Doing Business Act (RA 11032), among others – which seek to protect and unburden our struggling *kababayans* from undue delays and excessive documentary requirements, fast and efficient assistance to those in need remains elusive .

The proposed ***Direkta at Agap na Lingap at Intebensyon (DALI) Act*** aims to eliminate these bureaucratic hurdles by simplifying the requirements to access such aids and mandating a strict three (3) days processing

window to ensure that financial relief reached vulnerable families without delay.

This Act seeks to humanize the bureaucracy by prioritizing accessibility (*direkta*) and speed (*agad*), by simplifying requirements, streamlining procedures and eliminating red tape, during times of crisis. It further mandates the Anti-Red Tape Authority to monitor compliance and ensure that government's response is efficient, standardized and free from unnecessary administrative burdens.

The immediate 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:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Direkta at Agad na Lingap at Interbensiyon (DALI) Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to promote the general welfare of Filipino people by ensuring that individuals and families experiencing 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, including but not limited to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), and Philhealth, which provide medical, burial, and similar forms of financial assistance.

SEC. 4. Standardized Minimum Requirements. – To avail of immediate financial assistance, beneficiaries in need shall only be required to submit the following documents:

1. Valid government-issued identification card (ID);
2. Billing statement from the hospital, clinic, funeral parlor, or related entities; and

3. Referral or endorsement letter issued by the City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO) or duly authorized local social worker.

In cases where the request of assistance is made through a representative, such representative shall present an authorization letter duly signed by the beneficiary, 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 to whom they are not related.

SEC. 5. Streamlined Processing. – All government agencies concerned shall process requests for assistance within three (3) working days upon submission of complete requirements under Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 6. Coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA). – 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, also known as the Anti-Red Tape Act. They shall likewise work with ARTA to address complaints involving undue delays, excessive documentary requirements, or any form of non-compliance with the provisions of this Act.

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

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – Should any provision or part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions and parts hereof, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. 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. 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,