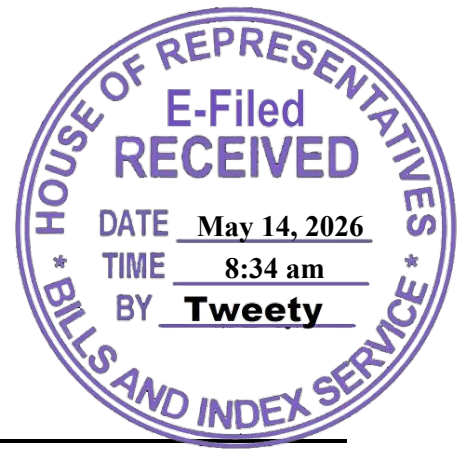


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical and social well-being.” Further, the State is mandated to provide adequate social services, to promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all. Republic Act No. 11261 was enacted to expand accessibility to government services and to provide incentives to improve a first time jobseeker’s access to employment.

New graduates experience financial challenges directly related to seeking employment. Aside from fees and charges in obtaining proofs of identification, clearances, certificates or other documents, they incur expenses for other application requirements, transportation for interviews, and relocation. New graduates, who typically have little to no savings, find it difficult to navigate and address the mounting costs for seeking employment. Aware of this reality, it becomes imperative for the State to provide assistance to new graduates as a means to alleviate the financial challenges that new graduates face.

This bill serves as a counterpart measure in the House of Representatives to the bill principally authored and filed by Senator JV Ejercito in the Senate.

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

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FRESH GRADUATES OF PHILIPPINE TERTIARY
EDUCATION, UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, OF A
ONE-TIME CASH GRANT OF FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000)**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the *Fresh Graduates Php5,000.00 Cash
One-Time Cash Grant Act of 2026*.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy— The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical and social well-being. Further, it has been the policy of the State to provide adequate social services, to promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all. In this regard, to alleviate the financial challenges of fresh graduates in seeking employment, a one-time cash grant shall be granted. This benefit shall be in addition to the waivers of fees, payments, and charges enshrined in Republic Act No. 11261.

SEC. 3. Cash Grant to Fresh Graduates –In addition to the benefits, privileges, and waivers of fees, payments, and charges under Republic Act No. 11261, all Filipino fresh graduates from a Philippine Tertiary Institution, Universities, Colleges, and Training Institution shall receive the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) cash grant which aims to provide assistance and provision for expenses in seeking employment.

SEC. 4. Proof of Eligibility. –Fresh or new graduates availing of the benefits provided under this Act shall present a Certification from the Philippine Tertiary Institution, Universities, Colleges, and Training Institution where he graduated or completed the course, stating the date of graduation and the course or degree earned. *Provided, that* any person found guilty of fabrication or falsification shall be liable under the Revised Penal Code.

SEC. 5. *Interagency Monitoring Committee.* - An interagency committee is hereby created with the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment as chairperson, and as members, the heads of the CSC, the DICT, the Department of Finance, the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, the National Youth Commission, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and other departments the participation of which the committee may deem necessary.

The Committee shall monitor the compliance of the concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, and may recommend to the proper authorities the filing of an administrative complaint against any person who refuses to comply with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* — Upon approval of this Act, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby directed to immediately identify funding sources for the initial implementation of this Act, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and regulations. Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continued operation of this Act shall be included in the following General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the Act or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,