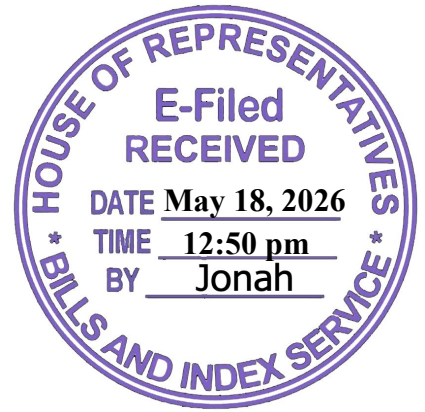




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HOUSE BILL NO. **9289**



Introduced by:

HON. CHRISTOPHERSON “COCO” M. YAP

AN ACT
GRANTING A MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION TO INDIGENT PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) remain among the most vulnerable sectors in Philippine society. Despite existing laws that promote their rights and welfare, many PWDs, particularly those who are indigent, continue to face significant economic and social challenges. Limited employment opportunities, mobility constraints, health-related expenses, and barriers to accessing public services often prevent them from attaining financial independence and adequate living conditions.

While the government currently provides a social pension for indigent senior citizens, there remains no similar nationwide support mechanism specifically designed for indigent persons with disabilities who are unable to sustain themselves due to physical, sensory, intellectual, or psychosocial limitations. Many of these individuals rely heavily on family members or community support, which is often insufficient to meet their daily subsistence and medical needs.

This bill seeks to establish a monthly social pension for indigent persons with disabilities to help alleviate the financial burden associated with their condition and to provide a measure of economic security. The proposed assistance aims to support their basic needs, promote dignity and social inclusion, and strengthen the country’s social protection system for vulnerable populations.

By extending financial support to indigent PWDs, the State affirms its commitment to uphold the principles embodied in Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities, and to ensure that no Filipino is left behind in the pursuit of inclusive development and social justice.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Indigent Persons with Disabilities Social Pension Act."

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the rights, welfare, and social protection of persons with disabilities (PWDs). The State shall ensure that indigent persons with disabilities are provided with adequate assistance and social support to help them meet their basic needs and live with dignity.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms.* – This Act aims to:

- (a) **Person with Disability (PWD)** refers to an individual suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of mental, physical, or sensory impairment, consistent with the definition provided under Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the *Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities*, as amended.
- (b) **Indigent Person with Disability** refers to a PWD who has no regular source of income or whose income is insufficient for subsistence, as determined through the assessment guidelines of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Section 4. *Grant of Monthly Social Pension* – Indigent persons with disabilities shall receive a monthly social pension of not less than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) to help defray daily living and medical expenses.

The amount may be periodically reviewed and adjusted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, subject to the approval of Congress and the availability of funds.

Section 5. Coverage and Eligibility. – To qualify for the pension under this Act, a beneficiary must:

- (a) Be a Filipino citizen;
- (b) Be a registered person with disability under existing laws and regulations;
- (c) Be classified as indigent by the DSWD or the appropriate local social welfare office; and
- (d) Not be receiving any other government pension, except disability-related benefits from social insurance programs.

Priority shall be given to PWDs who are unemployed, living alone, or without family support.

Section 6. Implementing Agency. – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall be the lead implementing agency of this Act and shall:

- (a) Identify and validate eligible beneficiaries;
- (b) Establish a national registry of indigent PWD pension beneficiaries;
- (c) Coordinate with local government units and the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA); and
- (d) Ensure efficient and transparent distribution of the pension.

Section 7. Role of Local Government Units. – Local government units shall assist in the identification, registration, and monitoring of qualified beneficiaries and may provide additional support services consistent with their local social protection programs.

Section 8. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act under the budget of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its implementation.

Section 10. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,