

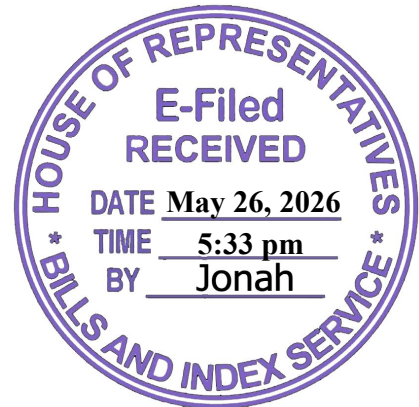


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**House Bill No. 9460**



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**Introduced by Representative Jernie Jett V. Nisay**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Many Filipinos seeking medical, burial, and other forms of government financial assistance are often burdened by lengthy procedures and excessive documentary requirements. In times of illness, emergencies, or financial distress, applicants are frequently required to secure multiple certifications and documents from different offices, resulting in delays that further aggravate their hardship.

While government agencies provide various forms of assistance to vulnerable individuals and families, the absence of a standardized and simplified process has made access to aid difficult, especially for indigent patients, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and those living in far-flung communities. Long queues, repetitive submission of documents, and bureaucratic inefficiencies continue to hinder the timely delivery of assistance.

This proposed measure seeks to simplify and standardize the documentary requirements for accessing government financial assistance programs by limiting the required documents to the most essential records necessary for verification and processing. It also mandates government agencies to streamline processing periods, establish digital or online application systems whenever practicable, and publicly post clear guidelines and requirements to improve transparency and accessibility.

Furthermore, the bill strengthens coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) to ensure compliance with Republic Act No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," and to address complaints involving delays and unnecessary requirements.

By reducing red tape and simplifying access to financial assistance, this measure aims to provide quicker, more responsive, and more compassionate government service to Filipinos in need.

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

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**AN ACT**  
**SIMPLIFYING DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING**  
**GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 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 "Simplified Access to Government Financial Assistance Act".

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the policy of the State to promote the general welfare and ensure that individuals and families facing financial and medical hardships are able to access government assistance in a timely, efficient, and convenient manner. Towards this end, the State shall adopt measures to simplify documentary requirements, reduce unnecessary bureaucratic processes, and streamline the delivery of financial assistance programs of government agencies.

**SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.*** - This Act shall apply to all national government agencies, local government units, government-owned and controlled corporations, and other government instrumentalities providing medical, burial, and other forms of financial assistance, including but not limited to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), PhilHealth, and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

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

- a. A valid government-issued identification card (ID);

- b. Billing statement, statement of account, or certification issued by the hospital, clinic, funeral parlor, pharmacy, or other related entity; and
- c. A referral or endorsement letter issued by the City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO) or any duly authorized government social worker.

In cases where the request for assistance is filed through a representative, the representative shall submit:

- a. An authorization letter duly signed by the beneficiary;
- b. A valid government-issued ID of both the beneficiary and the representative; and
- c. Proof of relationship or legal guardianship, when applicable.

The authorized representative must be a relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, or a legal guardian: *Provided*, That no individual shall act as representative for more than two (2) unrelated beneficiaries at any given time.

**SEC. 5. Streamlined Processing.** - All concerned government agencies shall process requests for financial assistance within three (3) working days from the submission of complete documentary requirements under Section 4 of this Act.

**SEC. 6. Digital Submission and Processing.** - Implementing agencies shall establish and maintain accessible online or electronic systems for the submission, verification, and processing of applications for financial assistance whenever practicable.

**SEC. 7. Posting of Requirements and Procedures.** - All implementing agencies shall prominently post and publish the simplified documentary requirements, processing timelines, and procedures in their offices, official websites, and social media platforms.

**SEC. 8. 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 compliance with Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," and other related laws and regulations.

ARTA shall assist in addressing complaints involving undue delays, excessive documentary requirements, or any form of noncompliance with this Act.

**SEC. 9. 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 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules  
2 and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
3 repealed or amended accordingly.

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5 **Sec. 12. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
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8 *Approved,*