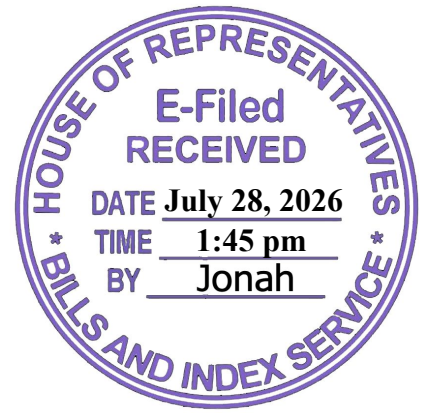


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The lifeline rate subsidy under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act was designed to protect low-usage, low-income households from the full cost of electricity, but its consumption threshold has remained largely unchanged for years despite rising household electricity needs and inflation.

This bill raises the lifeline consumption threshold and increases the subsidy discount, ensuring that more low-income households, not just the poorest of the poor, are shielded from unaffordable electricity bills, particularly during the hot summer months when consumption spikes.

Respectfully submitted,


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Expanded Lifeline Electricity
Rate Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. — The State shall ensure that electricity,
a basic necessity, remains affordable and accessible to marginalized and low-
income households.

SECTION 3. Expansion of Lifeline Rate Threshold. — The monthly
consumption threshold for lifeline rate eligibility is hereby increased to one
hundred (100) kilowatt-hours, from the previous lower threshold, subject to
periodic review by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) every three (3) years
to account for inflation and consumption trends.

SECTION 4. Subsidy Discount. — Qualified lifeline consumers shall enjoy
a discount of no less than fifty percent (50%) on the generation and distribution
charges of their monthly electricity bill, cross-subsidized in accordance with the
mechanism already established under Republic Act No. 9136.

SECTION 5. Automatic Enrollment. — Distribution utilities shall
automatically enroll qualified households based on consumption data, without
requiring a separate application, subject to verification.

SECTION 6. Monitoring. — The Energy Regulatory Commission shall submit an annual report to Congress on the number of lifeline beneficiaries, the subsidy amounts disbursed, and the impact on household electricity costs.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Energy Regulatory Commission shall issue implementing rules within sixty (60) days from effectivity.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in force.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.