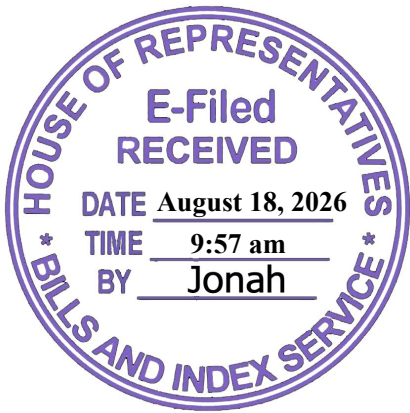


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10843

Introduced by Hon. Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution explicitly mandates the State to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. Specifically, Section 13 of Article XIII provides that the State shall establish a special agency for disabled persons for their rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance, and their integration into the mainstream of society.

While the passage of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities," and its subsequent amendments have significantly advanced the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through tax exemptions, mandatory discounts, and health coverage, substantial economic gaps remain. PWDs in the Philippines continually face a compounding cycle of poverty and vulnerability.

Living with a disability entails significant, unavoidable extra costs. Families and individuals must routinely absorb expenses for specialized medical care, rehabilitation, assistive devices, therapy, accessible transportation, and personal assistance. These "disability costs" run parallel to an severely restricted capacity to generate income, as PWDs encounter disproportionate barriers to formal employment and livelihood opportunities.

This bill seeks to address these systemic inequities by establishing a guaranteed, non-conditional **Monthly Disability Support Allowance** in the initial amount of **Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00)** for all registered PWDs.

Crucially, to prevent this financial lifeline from being eroded by macroeconomic pressures, this measure introduces a mandatory **Inflation Indexation** mechanism. By legally tethering the monthly allowance to the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the State ensures that the real purchasing power of the social safety net is shielded against inflation and rising utility and commodity costs.

To ensure long-term fiscal sustainability and accountability, the bill mandates that funding be directly and explicitly integrated into the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). This allowance acts not as a handout, but as a crucial economic equalizer aimed at lowering poverty poverty rates, mitigating the financial shocks of living with a disability, and fostering authentic social inclusion.

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


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70 **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY DISABILITY SUPPORT ALLOWANCE**
71 **FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,**
72 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

75 **SECTION 1. Short Title.**
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77 This Act shall be known as the "**Monthly Disability Support Allowance Act.**"
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79 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.**
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81 It is the policy of the State to promote social justice, protect the rights of Persons
82 with Disabilities (PWDs), and ensure their integration into mainstream society. Recognizing
83 that PWDs face disproportionate economic barriers, extra living costs, and limited
84 livelihood opportunities, the State shall provide regular, predictable financial assistance to
85 safeguard their standard of living and foster dignity.
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87 **SECTION 3. Monthly Disability Support Allowance.**
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89 All registered and qualified Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) holding a valid PWD
90 ID issued by the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) or through their respective
91 Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be entitled to a **Monthly Disability Support**
92 **Allowance** in the initial amount of **Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00)**.
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94 **SECTION 4. Inflation Indexation and Periodic Adjustment.**
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96 To preserve the purchasing power and impact of the allowance against changes in
97 the cost of living, the baseline amount of ₱2,000.00 shall be adjusted annually based on
98 inflation.
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- 100 a. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in coordination with
101 the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), shall review and index the monthly
102 financial assistance to the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the relevant
103 calendar year.
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105 b. The adjusted amount shall never fall below the baseline amount established under
106 Section 3 of this Act.
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108 **SECTION 5. Non-diminution of Benefits.**

109 The allowance provided under this Act shall be paid in addition to any existing tax
110 exemptions, discounts, or subsidies granted under Republic Act No. 7277 (Magna Carta for
111 PWDs), Republic Act No. 10754, and other existing social safety protection laws.

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113 **SECTION 6. Appropriations.**
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115 The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be integrated
116 into the budget of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) under the
117 General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the fiscal year following its enactment. Thereafter,
118 the funding required for the continuous implementation of this program, including the
119 adjusted increases resulting from annual inflation indexation, shall be explicitly and
120 automatically included in the annual GAA.

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122 **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).**
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124 Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in consultation
125 with the NCDA, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Budget and Management
126 (DBM), and relevant non-government organizations (NGOs) representing PWDs, shall
127 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

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129 **SECTION 8. Separability Clause.**
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131 If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining
132 parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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134 **SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.**
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136 All laws, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with
137 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

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144 *Approved,*