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VARGAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 294

AN ACT PROVIDING POOR JOB APPLICANTS A 20% DISCOUNT IN
THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN
CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the
2 "Poor Job Applicants Discount Act".

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to
4 promote a just and dynamic order that will ensure the prosperity
5 and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty
6 through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
7 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of
8 life for all.

9 Further, the State shall strive for a more equitable
10 distribution of opportunities, income and wealth; a sustained
11 increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation
12 for the benefit of the people, and an expanding productivity as the
13 key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the

1 underprivileged. To this end, the State shall provide a twenty
2 percent (20%) discount for poor job applicants in the payment of fees
3 and charges for certain certificates and clearances issued by
4 government agencies.

5 **SEC. 3. *Provision of Twenty Percent (20%) Discount.*** – Poor
6 job applicants, whether here or abroad, shall be granted a twenty
7 percent (20%) discount in the payment of fees and charges for the
8 following clearances and certificates requisite for pre-employment
9 application:

10 (a) Clearance from the barangay where the applicant
11 resides;

12 (b) Clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation
13 (NBI);

14 (c) Clearance from the Philippine National Police (PNP);

15 (d) Medical certificate for local employment from any
16 government hospital licensed by the Department of Health (DOH);

17 (e) Certificate of marriage from the Philippine Statistics
18 Authority (PSA);

19 (f) Certificate of live birth from the PSA;

20 (g) Transcript of Records from the state universities and
21 colleges (SUCs) of the applicant;

22 (h) Certificate of good moral character from the SUCs of the
23 applicant; and

24 (i) Other documentary requirements issued by the
25 government that may be required by employers from poor job
26 applicants.

27 The poor job applicant may avail of the privileges under this
28 Act only once every six (6) months from each government agency.

29 **SEC. 4. *Identification of Beneficiaries.*** – As used in this Act,
30 a poor job applicant refers to a person who is seeking gainful

1 employment and has no visible means of income or whose income
2 falls below the official poverty threshold, as identified and certified
3 by the PSA based on the criteria set under the Community-Based
4 Monitoring System (CBMS) as established under Republic Act
5 No. 11315, otherwise known as the "Community-Based Monitoring
6 System Act".

7 Members of the households of the "Pantawid Pamilyang
8 Pilipino Program" (4Ps) shall be automatically considered as "poor"
9 and are eligible to avail of the privileges under this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. Penalties.** – (a) Any public officer or employee who
11 refuses or fails to provide the benefit granted to the poor job
12 applicant in violation of Section 3 of this Act shall, upon conviction,
13 be subject to a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00)
14 but not more than Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00).

15 Prosecution for an offense set forth in this Act shall be
16 without prejudice to any liability for violation of any other existing
17 laws, including civil service law, rules and regulations.

18 (b) A job applicant who misrepresents or falsifies any
19 document to avail of benefits provided under this Act or abuses the
20 privileges granted herein shall be prosecuted and punished in
21 accordance with the pertinent provisions of Act No. 3815, as
22 amended, otherwise known as "The Revised Penal Code", and shall
23 suffer perpetual disqualification in availing the privileges under
24 this Act.

25 **SEC. 6. Interagency Coordinating and Monitoring Committee.**
26 – An interagency coordinating and monitoring committee,
27 hereinafter referred to as the Committee, shall be established to
28 coordinate and monitor the implementation of this Act.

29 The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1 (a) Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment
2 (DOLE) or the authorized representative, as Chairperson;

3 (b) National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the
4 PSA or the authorized representative, as Vice Chairperson;

5 (c) Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local
6 Government (DILG) or the authorized representative, as Member;

7 (d) Secretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ) or the
8 authorized representative, as Member;

9 (e) Chief of the PNP or the authorized representative, as
10 Member;

11 (f) Director of the NBI or the authorized representative, as
12 Member;

13 (g) Secretary of the DOH or the authorized representative,
14 as Member;

15 (h) Lead Convenor of the National Anti-Poverty Commission
16 (NAPC) or the authorized representative, as Member; and

17 (i) Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education
18 (CHED).

19 The Committee shall have the following functions;

20 (a) To coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation
21 of this Act;

22 (b) To make recommendations for concerned agencies to
23 ensure the effective and efficient delivery of benefits to poor job
24 applicants under this Act; and

25 (c) To submit an annual report to Congress on the
26 implementation of this Act.

27 **SEC. 7. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee.** - Upon
28 the effectivity of this Act, a Congressional Oversight Committee is
29 hereby constituted. The Committee shall set the overall framework
30 to review the implementation of this Act. It shall likewise

1 determine inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend
2 necessary remedial legislation or executive measures.

3 The Committee shall be composed of fourteen (14) members
4 with the Chairpersons of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation of
5 the House of Representatives, and of the Committee on Social
6 Justice, Welfare and Rural Development of the Senate as Co-
7 Chairpersons, and six (6) members from each House, to be
8 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
9 Senate President, respectively.

10 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DOLE,
11 in consultation with the PSA, DILG, NBI, PNP, DOJ, DOH, NAPC,
12 and the CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for
13 the effective implementation of this Act within six (6) months after
14 the effectivity of this Act.

15 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part of this
16 Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
17 provisions hereof, not otherwise affected, shall remain in full force
18 and effect.

19 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or
20 issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order,
21 rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of
22 this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

23 SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
25 circulation.

Approved,