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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000"**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8972 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3           **"SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – [It is the policy of the State to promote  
4 [the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and  
5 ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall develop a  
6 comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their children to be  
7 carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),  
8 the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education, Culture and  
9 Sports (DECS), the Department of the Interior and Local Government  
10 (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical  
11 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National  
12 Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and Employment  
13 (DOLE) and other related government and non government agencies] **IT  
14 IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A  
15 JUST AND DYNAMIC SOCIAL ORDER THAT ENSURES THE  
16 PROSPERITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATION AND FREE  
17 THE PEOPLE FROM POVERTY THROUGH POLICIES THAT  
18 PROVIDE ADEQUATE SOCIAL SERVICES, PROMOTE FULL  
19 EMPLOYMENT, A RISING STANDARD OF LIVING AND AN IMPROVED  
20 QUALITY OF LIFE. THE STATE SHALL ALSO PROMOTE SOCIAL  
21 JUSTICE IN ALL PHASES OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
22 VALUE THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON AND  
23 GUARANTEE FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. TOWARDS  
24 THESE ENDS, THE GOVERNMENT SHALL SUPPORT THE  
25 NATURAL AND PRIMARY RIGHT AND DUTY OF SOLO PARENTS IN  
26 REARING THEIR CHILDREN BY PROVIDING FOR THEIR BASIC  
27 NEEDS, AND EXTENDING TO THEM ASSISTANCE IN SOCIAL  
28 SERVICES AND WELFARE BENEFITS, WITH THE END VIEW OF  
29 UPLIFTING THEIR STATUS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.**  
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31           **SEC. 2.** Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

32           **"SEC. 3. Definition of Terms** – [Whenever] **AS** used in this Act[, the  
33 following terms shall mean as follows]:

34           (a) ["Solo parent" – any individual who falls under any of the  
35 following categories:

36           (1) A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes  
37 against chastity, even without a final conviction of the offender:  
38 *Provided, That the mother keeps and raises the child;*

39           (2) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood  
40 due to death of spouse;

1 (3) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood  
2 while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal  
3 conviction for at least one (1) year;

4 (4) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood  
5 due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a  
6 public medical practitioner;

7 (5) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood  
8 due to legal separation or *de facto* separation from spouse for at  
9 least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of  
10 the children;

11 (6) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due  
12 to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a  
13 court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody  
14 of the children;

15 (7) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of  
16 parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1)  
17 year;

18 (8) Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear  
19 her/his child instead of having others care for them or give them up  
20 to a welfare institution;

21 (9) Any other person who solely provides parental care and support  
22 to a child or children; and

23 (10) Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of  
24 family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or  
25 prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent.

26 A change in the status or circumstance of the parent claiming benefits  
27 under this Act, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the  
28 responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these  
29 benefits.] **CHILD MINDING CENTER REFERS TO A FACILITY OR  
30 AREA WITHIN THE WORKPLACE PROVIDED BY THE  
31 EMPLOYER WHERE THE CHILDREN OF A SOLO PARENT  
32 EMPLOYEE AGED SEVEN (7) YEARS OLD AND BELOW ARE  
33 HABITUALLY RECEIVED FOR PURPOSES OF CARE AND  
34 SUPERVISION DURING WORKING HOURS.**

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36 (b) Children [-] refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo  
37 parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than  
38 eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years but are  
39 incapable of self-support because of mental [and/]or physical [defect/]  
40 **DISABILITY.**

41 (c) ["Parental responsibility" – with respect to their minor children shall  
42 refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220  
43 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the

1 "Family Code of the Philippines.] **FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE**  
2 **REFERS TO A WORK ARRANGEMENT GRANTED TO A SOLO**  
3 **PARENT EMPLOYEE TO VARY THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**  
4 **TIME IN THE WORKPLACE WITHOUT AFFECTING THE CORE**  
5 **WORK HOURS AS DEFINED BY THE EMPLOYER.**

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7 (d) ["Parental Leave"– shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo  
8 parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities  
9 where physical presence is required.] **PARENTAL CARE AND**  
10 **SUPPORT REFER TO THE ACTS OF PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC**  
11 **NEEDS, HEALTH CARE, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SAFETY,**  
12 **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND FORMATION OF THE**  
13 **PERSONALITY OF THE CHILD.**

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16 (e) ["Flexible work schedule" – is the right granted to a solo parent  
17 employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting  
18 the core work hours as defined by the employer.] **PARENTAL LEAVE**  
19 **REFERS TO LEAVE BENEFITS GRANTED TO A SOLO PARENT TO**  
20 **ENABLE THE PERFORMANCE OF PARENTAL DUTIES AND**  
21 **RESPONSIBILITIES WHERE PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED.**

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23 (F) **QUALIFIED SOLO PARENT REFERS TO A SOLO PARENT**  
24 **WHO IS EARNING LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY**  
25 **THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00) ANNUALLY, SUBJECT TO**  
26 **ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS ON THE**  
27 **EXEMPT TAXABLE INCOME UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL**  
28 **REVENUE CODE (NIRC), AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.**  
29 **10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TAX REFORM FOR**  
30 **ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN)".**

31 (G) **SPOUSE REFERS TO A HUSBAND OR WIFE BY VIRTUE OF**  
32 **A VALID MARRIAGE OR A PARTNER IN A COMMON-LAW**  
33 **RELATIONSHIP."**

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35 **SEC. 3.** Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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37 "SEC. 4. [*Criteria for Support.* - Any solo parent whose income in the  
38 place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the National  
39 Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and subject to the  
40 assessment of the DSWD worker in the area shall be eligible for  
41 assistance: *Provided, however,* That any solo parent whose income is  
42 above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits mentioned in  
43 Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Act.] **CATEGORIES OF SOLO PARENT. - A**

1                   **SOLO PARENT REFERS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO FALLS UNDER**  
2                   **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

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4                   **(A) A PARENT WHO PROVIDES LONE PARENTAL CARE**  
5                   **AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN DUE TO –**

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7                   **(1) BIRTH AS A CONSEQUENCE OF RAPE, EVEN**  
8                   **WITHOUT FINAL CONVICTION: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE**  
9                   **SOLO PARENT UNDER THIS CATEGORY MAY**  
10                  **STILL BE CONSIDERED A SOLO PARENT UNDER ANY**  
11                  **OF THE CATEGORIES IN THIS SECTION;**

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13                  **(2) DEATH OF THE SPOUSE;**

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15                  **(3) DETENTION OF THE SPOUSE FOR AT LEAST**  
16                  **THREE (3) MONTHS OR SERVICE OF SENTENCE**  
17                  **FOR A CRIMINAL CONVICTION;**

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19                  **(4) PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INCAPACITY OF THE SPOUSE**  
20                  **AS CERTIFIED BY A PUBLIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER;**

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22                  **(5) LEGAL SEPARATION OR *DE FACTO* SEPARATION FOR**  
23                  **AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS, AND THE SOLO PARENT**  
24                  **IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD OR**  
25                  **CHILDREN;**

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27                  **(6) DECLARATION OF NULLITY OR ANNULMENT**  
28                  **OF MARRIAGE, AS DECREED BY A COURT, OR DUE**  
29                  **TO DIVORCE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, AND THE**  
30                  **SOLO PARENT IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE CUSTODY**  
31                  **OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN; OR**

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33                  **(7) ABANDONMENT BY THE SPOUSE FOR AT LEAST SIX**  
34                  **(6) MONTHS;**

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37                  **(B) UNMARRIED MOTHER OR FATHER WHO PREFERS TO**  
38                  **KEEP AND REAR THE CHILD OR CHILDREN INSTEAD OF**  
39                  **HAVING OTHERS CARE FOR THEM OR GIVE UP TO A**  
40                  **WELFARE INSTITUTION;**

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42                  **(C) ANY LEGAL GUARDIAN, ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENT**  
43                  **WHO SOLELY PROVIDES PARENTAL CARE AND SUPPORT TO**  
44                  **A CHILD OR CHILDREN;**

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46                  **(D) ANY FAMILY MEMBER WHO ASSUMES THE**  
47                  **RESPONSIBILITY OF HEAD OF THE FAMILY AS A RESULT OF**  
48                  **THE DEATH, ABANDONMENT, DISAPPEARANCE OR**

1 ABSENCE OF THE PARENTS OR SOLO PARENT FOR AT  
2 LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS;

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4 (E) A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO PROVIDES LONE PARENTAL  
5 CARE AND SUPPORT TO THE UNBORN CHILD OR CHILDREN.  
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7 **SEC. 4.** Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows

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9 "SEC. 5. *Comprehensive Package of Social Development and*  
10 *Welfare Services.* – A comprehensive package of social development  
11 and welfare services for solo parents and their families [will] **SHALL** be  
12 developed by the [DSWD, DOH, DECS, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA and  
13 DILG, in coordination with local government units] **SECRETARY**  
14 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND**  
15 **DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) IN COORDINATION WITH THE HEADS**  
16 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), DEPARTMENT OF**  
17 **EDUCATION (DEPED), COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
18 **(CHED), THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS**  
19 **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA), DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
20 **AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF),**  
21 **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), NATIONAL HOUSING**  
22 **AUTHORITY (NHA), DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND**  
23 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND**  
24 **INDUSTRY (DTI), BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR),**  
25 **PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH),**  
26 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
27 **(NEDA), CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC), PHILIPPINE**  
28 **COMMISSION ON WOMEN (PCW), UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES**  
29 **OF THE PHILIPPINES (ULAP), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**  
30 **(LGUS) AND a non-governmental organization with proven track record**  
31 **in providing services for solo parents.**

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33 The DSWD shall coordinate with concerned agencies[,] the  
34 implementation of the comprehensive package of social development and  
35 welfare services for solo parents and their families. The package [will]  
36 **SHALL** initially include:

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38 (a) x x x

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40 (b) x x x

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42 (c) x x x

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44 (d) x x x  
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1 (e) Special projects for individuals in need of protection which include  
2 temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self-  
3 concept or ego-building, crisis management and spiritual [enrichment]  
4 **NOURISHMENT.**  
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6 **SEC. 5.** Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 **"SEC. 8. Parental Leave.** - In addition to leave privileges under existing  
8 laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days **WITH PAY**  
9 every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee,  
10 **REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS**, who has rendered service  
11 of at least [one (1) year] **SIX (6) MONTHS.**"

12 **SEC. 6.** Section 9 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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14 **"SEC. 9. Educational Benefits.** - [The DECS, DEPED, CHED and  
15 TESDA shall provide the following benefits and privileges:  
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17 (1) Scholarship programs for qualified solo parents and their children in  
18 insitutions of basic, tertiary and technical/skills education; and  
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20 (2)Nonformal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their  
21 children] **THE DEPED, CHED AND TESDA SHALL PROVIDE**  
22 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS AND A**  
23 **FULL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ONE (1) CHILD OF A QUALIFIED**  
24 **SOLO PARENT IN INSTITUTIONS OF BASIC, HIGHER AND**  
25 **TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SKILLS EDUCATION: PROVIDED, THAT**  
26 **THE OTHER CHILDREN, IF ANY, OF A QUALIFIED SOLO PARENT**  
27 **SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS UNDER**  
28 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIFIED**  
29 **STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY**  
30 **EDUCATION (UNIFAST) ACT," REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931,**  
31 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY**  
32 **TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT," AND OTHER LAWS RELATING TO**  
33 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT. NON-FORMAL**  
34 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS APPROPRIATE FOR QUALIFIED SOLO**  
35 **PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN MAY, LIKEWISE, BE PROVIDED.**  
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37 **FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE CHILDREN MUST BE LIVING**  
38 **WITH AND DEPENDENT UPON THE SOLO PARENT FOR SUPPORT,**  
39 **UNMARRIED, UNEMPLOYED AND NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE**  
40 **(21) YEARS OF AGE.**  
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42 The [DECS] DEPED, CHED and TESDA shall promulgate rules and  
43 regulations for the proper implementation of this program."  
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1           **SEC. 7.** Sections 10, 11, and 12 of the same Act shall be renumbered as  
2 Sections 12, 13, and 14, respectively.

3           **SEC. 8.** A new section to be denominated as Section 10 of the same Act is  
4 hereby added to read as follows:

5           **"SEC. 10. CHILD MINDING CENTERS. – THE DOLE AND THE**  
6 **CSC SHALL ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE**  
7 **ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE CHILD MINDING CENTERS IN**  
8 **ALL WORKPLACES."**

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10           **SEC. 9.** A new section to be denominated as Section 11 of the same Act is  
11 hereby added to read as follows:

12           **"SEC. 11. BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE. - IN**  
13 **KEEPING WITH THE POLICY OF THE STATE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT**  
14 **NO. 10028, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED**  
15 **BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT OF 2009," THE DOLE AND THE**  
16 **CSC SHALL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE WORKING MOTHERS,**  
17 **WHO ARE SOLO PARENTS, TO PRACTICE BREASTFEEDING IN THE**  
18 **WORKPLACE."**

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20           **SEC. 10.** A new section to be denominated as Section 15 of the same Act is  
21 hereby added to read as follows:

22           **"SEC. 15. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. –**

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24           **(A) THE DTI, TESDA, CHED, DEPED, DOLE AND OTHER**  
25 **RELATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SHALL PRIORITIZE SOLO**  
26 **PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PROVISION OF**  
27 **LIVELIHOOD, TRAINING AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION**  
28 **PROGRAMS.**

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30           **(B) THE DTI, DOLE, CHED, TESDA AND OTHER RELEVANT**  
31 **AGENCIES SHALL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**  
32 **AND MATCHING SERVICES TO SOLO PARENTS TO ENABLE**  
33 **THEM TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.**

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35           **(C) PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY AT LEAST TEN (10)**  
36 **QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT ARE**  
37 **ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION FROM THEIR GROSS**  
38 **INCOME, EQUIVALENT TO FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THE**  
39 **TOTAL AMOUNT PAID AS SALARIES AND WAGES TO**  
40 **QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF**  
41 **SECTION 34 OF THE NIRC, AS AMENDED.**



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2 THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, THROUGH THE  
3 RECOMMENDATION OF THE BIR COMMISSIONER, SHALL  
4 PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS  
5 TO PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SECTION."  
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7 SEC. 11. A new section to be denominated as Section 16 of the same Act is  
8 hereby added to read as follows:

9 "SEC. 16. SOCIAL SAFETY ASSISTANCE. - DURING  
10 DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, THE SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR  
11 CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO SOCIAL SAFETY ASSISTANCE SUCH  
12 AS FOOD, MEDICINES AND FINANCIAL AID FOR DOMICILE REPAIR  
13 IN THE LGUS WHERE THE SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN  
14 ARE RESIDING, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES OF THE DSWD. THE  
15 LGUS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SAFETY  
16 ASSISTANCE IS INCLUDED IN THE CALAMITY FUNDS OF LGUS."  
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18 SEC. 12. A new section to be denominated as Section 17 of the same Act is  
19 hereby added to read as follows:

20 "SEC. 17. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS - QUALIFIED SOLO  
21 PARENTS, IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CHILDREN, ARE ENTITLED TO  
22 THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

23 (A) TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT AND EXEMPTION  
24 FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) ON THE SALE  
25 OF THE FOLLOWING GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ALL  
26 ESTABLISHMENTS, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE AND  
27 ENJOYMENT OR AVAILMENT OF THE QUALIFIED SOLO  
28 PARENTS OR THEIR CHILDREN, AS THE CASE MAY BE:a

29 (1) CHILDREN'S CLOTHING MATERIALS FOR  
30 ALL PURCHASES MADE FROM THE BIRTH OF THE  
31 CHILD OR CHILDREN UNTIL SIX (6) YEARS OF AGE;

32 (2) BABY'S MILK, FOOD AND  
33 MICRONUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTS, AND SANITARY  
34 DIAPERS PURCHASED FROM THE BIRTH OF THE  
35 CHILD OR CHILDREN UNTIL THREE (3) YEARS OF AGE;

36 (3) DULY PRESCRIBED MEDICINES, VACCINES, AND  
37 OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR THE CHILD OR  
38 CHILDREN OF THE SOLO PARENT PURCHASED FROM  
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1 THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN UNTIL SIX (6)  
2 YEARS OF AGE;

3  
4 (4) MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES, DIAGNOSTIC  
5 AND LABORATORY FEES, AND PROFESSIONAL FEES  
6 IN ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL FACILITIES,  
7 OUTPATIENT CLINICS, AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
8 RENDERED TO SOLO PARENTS OR THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN  
9 FROM BIRTH OF THE CHILD UNTIL SIX (6) YEARS OF  
10 AGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES  
11 AND REGULATIONS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE BY THE  
12 DOH;

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14 (5) BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES COMMONLY USED  
15 BY A STUDENT SUCH AS TEXTBOOKS, NOTEBOOKS,  
16 WRITING AND DRAWING INSTRUMENTS AND  
17 MATERIALS PURCHASED FROM KINDERGARTEN UNTIL  
18 THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS;

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20 (6) UTILIZATION OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED BY PUBLIC  
21 UTILITIES: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL METERS FOR THE  
22 FOREGOING UTILITIES ARE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SOLO  
23 PARENT RESIDING THEREIN: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT THE MONTHLY  
24 CONSUMPTION DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED KILOWATT HOURS  
25 (100KWH) OF ELECTRICITY AND THIRTY CUBIC METERS (30 M<sup>3</sup>) OF  
26 WATER: *PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE*, THAT THE PRIVILEGE IS GRANTED  
27 PER HOUSEHOLD REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SOLO PARENTS  
28 RESIDING THEREIN;

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30 (7) FARES FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION TRAVEL IN PUBLIC UTILITY  
31 VEHICLES;

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33 (8) ACTUAL FARES FOR DOMESTIC AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AND  
34 SEA SHIPPING VESSELS; AND

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36 (9) GOODS AND SERVICES IN RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL CENTERS,  
37 HOTELS AND SIMILAR LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS.

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39 (B) PRIORITY IN THE PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL AND  
40 DENTAL SERVICES, DIAGNOSTIC AND LABORATORY  
41 SERVICES IN ALL GOVERNMENT FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE  
42 WITH THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
43 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL HEALTH  
44 CARE ACT," WHICHEVER BENEFITS FAVOR SOLO PARENTS  
45 AND THEIR CHILDREN THE MOST;

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47 (C) SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON THE PURCHASE OF BASIC  
48 COMMODITIES UNDER SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SOLO  
49 PARENTS, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED FOR  
50 THE PURPOSE BY THE DTI AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA);  
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52 (D) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND FEASIBLE,  
53 THE SAME BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES GIVEN BY THE  
54 GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), THE  
55 SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AND THE PAG-IBIG, AS THE  
56 CASE MAY BE, TO SOLO PARENTS;

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58 IN THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES ON PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNT,  
59 SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN MAY AVAIL OF SUCH  
60 DISCOUNT OR THE DISCOUNT PROVIDED HEREIN, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.

1 THE ESTABLISHMENT MAY CLAIM THE DISCOUNTS GRANTED  
2 UNDER PARAGRAPHS (A) (1) to (5) OF THIS SECTION AS TAX  
3 DEDUCTION BASED ON THE COST OF THE GOODS SOLD OR  
4 SERVICES RENDERED: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE COST OF  
5 DISCOUNT IS ALLOWED AS DEDUCTION FROM GROSS  
6 INCOME FOR THE SAME TAXABLE YEAR THAT THE  
7 DISCOUNT IS GRANTED: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT THE  
8 TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMED TAX DEDUCTION NET OF  
9 VAT, IF APPLICABLE, ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR GROSS SALES  
10 RECEIPTS FOR TAX PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO  
11 PROPER DOCUMENTATION AND TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
12 THE (NIRC), AS AMENDED.

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14 TO AVAIL OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS UNDER THIS  
15 SECTION, THE SOLO PARENT SHALL PRESENT A SOLO PARENT  
16 IDENTIFICATION CARD (SPIC)."  
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18 **SEC. 13.** A new section to be denominated as Section 18 of the same Act is  
19 hereby added to read as follows:

20 **"SEC. 18. LIMITATION AND TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF**  
21 **A SOLO PARENT. – ONLY A SOLO PARENT EXERCISING SOLE**  
22 **AND LONE PARENTAL CARE AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD OR**  
23 **CHILDREN IS ENTITLED TO CLAIM THE BENEFITS OF A SOLO**  
24 **PARENT UNDER THIS ACT.**

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26 **WHEN A SOLO PARENT, AS DEFINED UNDER THIS ACT, CEASES**  
27 **TO BE SUCH BY REASON OF CHANGE OF STATUS AND**  
28 **CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SAID SOLO PARENT SHALL BE**  
29 **INELIGIBLE TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT."**  
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31 **SEC. 14.** A new section to be denominated as Section 19 of the same Act is  
32 hereby added to read as follows:

33 **"SEC. 19. THE SOLO PARENTS OFFICE OR DIVISION. - THERE**  
34 **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A SOLO PARENT OFFICE (SPO) IN**  
35 **EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY AND A SOLO PARENT DIVISION**  
36 **(SPD) UNDER THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE IN**  
37 **EVERY MUNICIPALITY.**

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39 **THE HEAD OF THE SPO MUST BE A LICENSED SOCIAL**  
40 **WORKER AND THE HEAD OF THE SPD MUST POSSESS A**  
41 **BACHELOR'S DEGREE. THE HEADS OF THE SPO AND SPD**  
42 **SHALL HOLD PERMANENT POSITIONS WITH SALARY GRADE**  
43 **12, AND 10, RESPECTIVELY, AND SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE**  
44 **GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE.**

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2 THE SPO SHALL HAVE AT LEAST THREE (3) STAFF MEMBERS  
3 WHILE THE SPD SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE (1) STAFF  
4 MEMBER.  
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6 THE OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR, MAYOR OR SOCIAL  
7 WELFARE OFFICE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL EXERCISE  
8 SUPERVISION OVER THE SPO OR SPD RELATIVE TO THEIR  
9 PLANS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THE SPO OR SPD SHALL  
10 ESTABLISH LINKAGES AND WORK TOGETHER WITH  
11 ACCREDITED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS,  
12 POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE BARANGAYS IN THEIR  
13 RESPECTIVE AREAS.  
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15 THE SPO OR SPD SHALL:

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- 17 (A) PLAN, IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR YEARLY WORK  
18 PROGRAMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS  
19 ACT;  
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  - 21 (B) DRAW UP A LIST OF AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED  
22 SERVICES FROM THE SOLO PARENTS;  
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  - 24 (C) MAINTAIN AND REGULARLY UPDATE, ON A QUARTERLY  
25 BASIS, THE LIST OF SOLO PARENTS AND ISSUE FREE  
26 SPIC;  
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  - 28 (D) ISSUE FREE BOOKLETS TO QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS;  
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  - 30 (E) SERVE AS A GENERAL INFORMATION AND LIAISON  
31 CENTER FOR SOLO PARENTS;  
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  - 33 (F) MONITOR COMPLIANCE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
34 ACT, PARTICULARLY THE GRANT OF PRIVILEGES AND  
35 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS;  
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  - 37 (G) REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, MAYOR OR OFFICE OF THE  
38 SOCIAL WELFARE, ANY INDIVIDUAL,  
39 ESTABLISHMENT, BUSINESS ENTITY, INSTITUTION OR  
40 AGENCY THAT VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT;  
41 AND  
42
  - 43 (H) ASSIST THE SOLO PARENTS IN FILING THE COMPLAINTS  
44 AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL, ESTABLISHMENT,  
45 BUSINESS ENTITY, INSTITUTION OR AGENCY THAT  
46 REFUSES OR FAILS TO PROVIDE THE PRIVILEGES AND  
47 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF SOLO PARENTS GRANTED  
48 UNDER THIS ACT."

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2 **SEC. 15.** A new section to be denominated as Section 20 of the same Act is  
3 hereby added to read as follows:

4 **"SEC. 20. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. – FOR PURPOSES OF**  
5 **REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF SPIC AND BOOKLET, THE SOLO**  
6 **PARENT SHALL SUBMIT AUTHENTICATED OR CERTIFIED TRUE**  
7 **COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO THE SPO OR SPD**  
8 **WHERE THE SOLO PARENT RESIDES:**  
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10 **(A) FOR THE SOLO PARENT WITH CHILD OR CHILDREN AS A**  
11 **CONSEQUENCE OF RAPE FALLING UNDER SECTION (4) (A)**  
12 **(1) OF THIS ACT:**

- 13  
14 **(1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;**  
15 **(2) COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT; AND**  
16 **(3) MEDICAL RECORD ON THE INCIDENT OF RAPE.**  
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18 **(B) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF**  
19 **THE SPOUSE FALLING UNDER SECTION (4) (A) (2) OF THIS**  
20 **ACT:**

- 21  
22 **(1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;**  
23 **(2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE; AND**  
24 **(3) DEATH CERTIFICATE OF THE SPOUSE.**  
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26 **(C) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE DETENTION**  
27 **OR CRIMINAL CONVICTION OF THE SPOUSE FALLING**  
28 **UNDER SECTION (4) (A) (3) OF THIS ACT:**  
29

- 30 **(1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;**  
31 **(2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE; AND**  
32 **(3) CERTIFICATE OF DETENTION OR A CERTIFICATION THAT**  
33 **THE SPOUSE IS SERVING SENTENCE FOR AT LEAST THREE**  
34 **(3) MONTHS ISSUED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**  
35 **HAVING ACTUAL CUSTODY OF THE DETAINED SPOUSE, OR**  
36 **COMMITMENT ORDER ISSUED BY THE COURT PURSUANT**  
37 **TO A CONVICTION OF THE SPOUSE.**  
38

39 **(D) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF PHYSICAL OR**  
40 **MENTAL INCAPACITY OF THE SPOUSE FALLING UNDER**  
41 **SECTION (4) (A) (4) OF THIS ACT:**  
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- 43 **(1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;**  
44 **(2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT OF**  
45 **COHABITATION; AND**

1 (3) MEDICAL RECORD OR MEDICAL ABSTRACT EVIDENCING  
2 THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL STATE OF THE  
3 INCAPACITATED SPOUSE.  
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5 (E) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF LEGAL OR DE  
6 FACTO SEPARATION OF SPOUSE FALLING UNDER SECTION

7 (4) (A) (5) OF THIS ACT:

8 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

9 (2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE; A N D

10 (3) JUDICIAL DECREE OF LEGAL SEPARATION OF THE  
11 SPOUSES OR AFFIDAVIT OF THE APPLICANT SOLO  
12 PARENT AND AFFIDAVIT OF TWO (2) DISINTERESTED  
13 PERSONS ATTESTING TO THE FACT OF SEPARATION  
14 OF THE SPOUSES.  
15

16 (F) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF DECLARATION  
17 OF NULLITY OR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE FALLING  
18 UNDER SECTION (4) (A) (6) OF THIS ACT:  
19

20 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

21 (2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE; AND

22 (3) JUDICIAL DECREE OF NULLITY OR ANNULMENT OF  
23 MARRIAGE OR JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN  
24 DIVORCE.  
25

26 (G) FOR THE SOLO PARENT ON ACCOUNT OF ABANDONMENT  
27 BY THE SPOUSE FALLING UNDER SECTION (4) (A) (7) OF  
28 THIS ACT:  
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30 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

31 (2) MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT OF THE APPLICANT  
32 SOLO PARENT AND AFFIDAVIT OF TWO (2)  
33 DISINTERESTED PERSONS ATTESTING TO THE  
34 ABANDONMENT OF THE SPOUSE; AND

35 (3) POLICE OR BARANGAY RECORD OF THE FACT OF  
36 ABANDONMENT.  
37

38 (H) FOR THE SOLO PARENT WHO PREFERS TO KEEP AND REAR  
39 THE CHILD OR CHILDREN FALLING UNDER SECTION (4) (B)  
40 OF THIS ACT:

41 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

42 (2) CERTIFICATE OF NO MARRIAGE (CENOMAR); AND

43 (3) AFFIDAVIT OF A BARANGAY OFFICIAL ATTESTING THAT THE  
44 SOLO PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE BARANGAY AND  
45 THAT THE CHILDREN ARE UNDER THE PARENTAL  
46 CARE AND SUPPORT OF THE APPLICANT SOLO PARENT;  
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1 (I) FOR THE SOLO PARENT WHO IS A LEGAL GUARDIAN,  
2 ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENT FALLING UNDER SECTION  
3 (4) (C) OF THIS ACT:

4 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

5 (2) PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP, FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION;  
6 AND

7 (3) AFFIDAVIT OF A *BARANGAY* OFFICIAL ATTESTING THAT THE  
8 SOLO PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE *BARANGAY*  
9 AND THAT THE CHILD OR CHILDREN ARE UNDER THE  
10 PARENTAL CARE AND SUPPORT OF THE APPLICANT SOLO  
11 PARENT.

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13 (J) FOR THE SOLO PARENT WHO ASSUMES THE  
14 RESPONSIBILITY OF HEAD OF THE FAMILY FALLING UNDER  
15 SECTION (4) (D) OF THIS ACT:

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17 (1) BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN;

18 (2) DEATH CERTIFICATE OF THE PARENTS;

19 (3) JUDICIAL DECREE, OR AFFIDAVIT OF THE SOLO PARENT  
20 AND AFFIDAVIT OF TWO (2) DISINTERESTED PERSONS, OR  
21 A POLICE OR *BARANGAY* RECORDS EVIDENCING THE  
22 FACT OF DISAPPEARANCE OR ABSENCE OF THE PARENT  
23 OR SOLO PARENT FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS; AND

24 (4) AFFIDAVIT OF A *BARANGAY* OFFICIAL ATTESTING THAT  
25 THE CHILDREN ARE UNDER THE PARENTAL CARE AND  
26 SUPPORT OF THE APPLICANT.

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28 (K) FOR THE SOLO PARENT WHO IS A PREGNANT WOMAN  
29 FALLING UNDER SECTION (4) (E) OF THIS ACT:

30  
31 (1) MEDICAL RECORD OF HER PREGNANCY; AND

32 (2) AFFIDAVIT OF A *BARANGAY* OFFICIAL ATTESTING THAT  
33 THE APPLICANT SOLO PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE  
34 *BARANGAY* AND THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NO SPOUSE.

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36 (L) FOR A QUALIFIED SOLO PARENT AS DEFINED UNDER  
37 SECTION 3(F) OF THIS ACT:

38 (1) AFFIDAVIT OF NO EMPLOYMENT;

39 (2) INCOME TAX RETURN (ITR); OR

40 (3) ANY VERIFIABLE PROOF OF INCOME.”

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42 **SEC. 16.** A new section to be denominated as Section 21 of the same Act is  
43 hereby added to read as follows:  
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1           **"SEC. 21. SPIC AND BOOKLET. - THE SPO OF THE PROVINCE**  
2 **OR CITY, OR THE SPD OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL ISSUE THE**  
3 **SPIC TO EVERY SOLO PARENT WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIAL**  
4 **JURISDICTION AFTER VERIFICATION BY THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL**  
5 **SOCIAL WORKER OFFICE OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE**  
6 **SOLO PARENT-APPLICANT TO THE SPO OR SPD. HOWEVER, THE**  
7 **SPO OF THE PROVINCE MAY VERIFY IF AN SPD FAILS TO DO SO. THE**  
8 **SPIC MUST BE ISSUED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS FROM APPROVAL OF**  
9 **THE APPLICATION.**

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11           **THE SPIC IS VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR ANYWHERE IN THE**  
12 **PHILIPPINES: PROVIDED, THAT THE SPIC ISSUED TO A SOLO PARENT**  
13 **UNDER SECTION 4(A)(1) IS VALID UNTIL THE CHILD OR CHILDREN**  
14 **REACH THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21).**

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16           **THE SPO OR THE SPD SHALL ISSUE A BOOKLET TO QUALIFIED**  
17 **SOLO PARENT AFTER VERIFICATION BY CITY OR MUNICIPAL SOCIAL**  
18 **WELFARE OFFICE OF ANY DOCUMENT MENTIONED IN SECTION 20 (L)**  
19 **OF THIS ACT. THE BOOKLET SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE (1)YEAR**  
20 **ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR IF THE**  
21 **APPLICANT IS STILL A QUALIFIED SOLO PARENT. THE QUALIFIED**  
22 **SOLO PARENT MUST PRESENT THE BOOKLET WHEN AVAILING OF THE**  
23 **BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 17(A)(1)."**  
24

25           **SEC. 17. A new section to be denominated as Section 22 of the same Act is**  
26 **hereby added to read as follows:**

27           **"SEC. 22. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING AND**  
28 **MONITORING COMMITTEE- AN INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING**  
29 **AND MONITORING COMMITTEE (I A C M C) IS HEREBY**  
30 **ESTABLISHED AND IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:**  
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32           **(A) CHAIRPERSON - SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND**  
33 **DEVELOPMENT;**

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35           **(B) VICE-CHAIRPERSON - SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND**  
36 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT;**

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38           **(C) MEMBERS:**

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40           **(1) SECRETARY OF FINANCE;**

41           **(2) SECRETARY OF HEALTH;**

42           **(3) SECRETARY OF EDUCATION;**

43           **(4) SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT;**

44           **(5) SECRETARY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY;**



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- (6) SECRETARY OF JUSTICE;
  - (7) CHAIRPERSON OF CHED;
  - (8) CHAIRPERSON OF CSC;
  - (9) CHAIRPERSON OF PCW;
  - (10) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEDA;
  - (11) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TESDA;
  - (12) GENERAL MANAGER OF NHA;
  - (13) PRESIDENT OF PHILHEALTH;
  - (14) REPRESENTATIVE OF ULAP; AND
  - (15) REPRESENTATIVE OF A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WITH PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO SOLO PARENTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DSWD.

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THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE IACMC SHALL MEET QUARTERLY AND SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT EVERY THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IACMC.

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THEY MAY DESIGNATE THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO MUST HAVE AT LEAST A RANK OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

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THE IACMC SHALL ACCURATELY GATHER DATA ON THE SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, BY UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM (CBMS) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11315, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM ACT." THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT A PERIODIC UPDATE OF THE DATA ON SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN."

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SEC. 18. A new section to be denominated as Section 23 of the same Act is hereby added to read as follows

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"SEC. 23. JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON SOLO PARENTS - THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON SOLO PARENTS (JCOCSP), TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT. THE JCOCSP SHALL SET THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, DETERMINING INHERENT VULNERABILITIES IN THE LAW, AND

1 RECOMMENDING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE  
2 MEASURES.  
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4 THE JCOCSP SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE (5) SENATORS  
5 AND FIVE (5) REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SENATE  
6 PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER, RESPECTIVELY. THE JCOCSP  
7 SHALL BE CO-CHAIRLED BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE  
8 COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS OF THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN,  
10 CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY OF  
11 THE SENATE."  
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13 SEC. 19. A new section to be denominated as Section 24 of the same Act is  
14 hereby added to read as follows:

15 "SEC. 24. *PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES* – (A) ANY PERSON,  
16 CORPORATION, ENTITY OR AGENCY THAT REFUSES OR FAILS  
17 TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS GRANTED TO THE SOLO PARENT IN  
18 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT SHALL SUFFER THE FOLLOWING  
19 PENALTIES:  
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21 (1) FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION – A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN  
22 TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN  
23 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF  
24 NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)  
25 YEAR, OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.  
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27 (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION – A FINE NOT LESS THAN  
28 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT NOT MORE  
29 THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) OR  
30 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR BUT NOT  
31 MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF  
32 THE COURT.  
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34 IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION,  
35 PARTNERSHIP, OR ORGANIZATION OR ANY SIMILAR ENTITY,  
36 THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED  
37 SHALL BE HELD LIABLE.  
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39 THE PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY, AFTER DUE NOTICE AND  
40 HEARING, ALSO CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION  
41 OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO OPERATE, FRANCHISE  
42 AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESS  
43 THAT FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.  
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1 IF THE OFFENDER IS A FOREIGNER, THE FOREIGNER SHALL BE  
2 DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE  
3 WITHOUT FURTHER DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.  
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5 (B) ANY PERSON WHO MISREPRESENTS STATUS OR FALSIFIES  
6 ANY DOCUMENT TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER  
7 THIS ACT OR ANY PERSON WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES  
8 GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE OF NOT  
9 LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00), BUT NOT  
10 MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) AND  
11 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS.  
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13 WHEN THE OFFENDER OR THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE  
14 FOR THE OFFENSES PUNISHABLE UNDER PARAGRAPHS (A) AND  
15 (B) OF THIS SECTION IS A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AS  
16 DEFINED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OR THE "ADMINISTRATIVE  
17 CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED  
18 IN THE EXERCISE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, SUCH OFFICER OR  
19 EMPLOYEE SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY OF REMOVAL FROM  
20 OFFICE AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING  
21 PUBLIC OFFICE, IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTY PROVIDED IN  
22 THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH."  
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24 SEC. 20. Section 13 of the same Act is hereby amended and renumbered as  
25 Section 25, to read as follows:  
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27 "SEC. [13] 25. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – [An interagency  
28 committee headed by the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, DECS,  
29 CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, and DILG is hereby established which shall  
30 formulate, within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the  
31 implementing rules and regulations in consultation with the local  
32 government units, non government organizations, and people's  
33 organization.] WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE APPROVAL OF  
34 THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
35 DEVELOPMENT SHALL, IN CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION  
36 WITH THE HEADS OF DOH, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, DILG,  
37 DTI, DOF, DOJ, NEDA, CSC, PHILHEALTH, PCW AND ULAP ISSUE  
38 THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
39 EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."  
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41 SEC. 21. Section 14 of the same Act is hereby amended and renumbered as  
42 Section 26, to read as follows:  
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1 "SEC. [14] 26. *Appropriations.* – [The amount necessary to carry out the  
2 provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of concerned  
3 government agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA)  
4 of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter].  
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6 "THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF  
7 THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGETS OF CONCERNED  
8 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
9 APPROPRIATIONS ACT. THE LGUs CONCERNED SHALL PROVIDE  
10 THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS AND  
11 MAINTENANCE OF THE SPO OR SPD, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN  
12 THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL BUDGETS."

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14 SEC. 22. Sections 15, 16 and 17 of the same Act are hereby renumbered as  
15 Section 27, 28 and 29, respectively.  
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17 SEC. 23. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared  
18 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
19 remain in full force and effect.  
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21 SEC. 24. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
22 administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are deemed  
23 amended, modified or repealed accordingly.  
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25 SEC. 25. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
26 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

27 Approved,