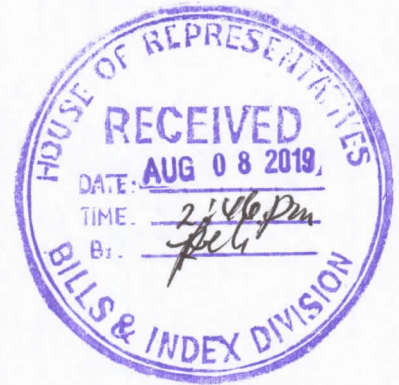


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9 of Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides for the State's promotion of a just and dynamic order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

Solo parents are among the most underprivileged and disadvantaged sectors of the society on account of their societal condition. It behooves the government to institute dynamic and proactive measures to ensure their welfare. By granting them discount benefits, their disadvantaged condition is mitigated and their morale is uplifted.

The government should automatize and condition the society toward a kinder and more courteous treatment of these members of the society. This is in line with universal ethical wisdom.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT**

**GRANTING DISCOUNT BENEFITS TO ALL SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000**

*Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`*

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby inserted after Section 11 of the RA 8972 to read as follows:

SECTION 12. DISCOUNT BENEFITS. THE DSWD SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE DISCOUNT BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR SOLO PARENTS WHEREBY THEY WOULD BE GRANTED TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON ALL MAJOR ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, RECREATION CENTERS, TRANSPORT SERVICES, MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES INCLUDING LABORATORY FEES.

SEC. 2. The succeeding sections are hereby renumbered accordingly.

SEC. 3. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and in force.

SEC. 4. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,