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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The dynamism of the law is reflected in its application and relevance. In the present age, the legal concept of Family has evolved from that of the traditional definition to that of the present which contemplates a family constituted by a single individual. Under the aegis of this modern definition, the legislature enacted Republic Act 8972, otherwise known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 in order to accord to single parent's benefits which would alleviate their burden of raising a family on their own.

As mandated by Article II Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution, the duty of the State to promote the welfare of the family remains and it falls upon Congress to enact laws to strengthen the foundation of the family as a basic social institution. Pursuant to this obligation, it is the intent of this bill to amend Republic Act 8972 otherwise known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000.

This bill recognizes the right of solo parents to be accorded the same treatment in law in terms of privileges conferred. It is the intent of this amendment to grant them additional benefits in order to alleviate them of their sole burden of raising a family. Through the implementation of the ID system for solo parents as proposed in this Act and by providing penal sanctions for the violation of the provisions thereof, It is hoped that the access to the privileges granted in this bill will be ensured.

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

  
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**AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND ASSISTANCE 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 of the Philippines and the House of Representatives in  
Congress assembled:*

**Section 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 8972 otherwise known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 is hereby amended by adding the following definition the after subsection 10 of Section 3, to read as follows:

*“Section 3. Definition of Terms.- Whenever used in this Act, the following terms shall mean as follows:*

*(a) “Solo parent”- any individual who falls under any of the following categories:*

*“xxx*

*(11). Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to the involuntary inability of the other spouse to have an employment for at least one (1) year.”*

**Section 2.** The same law is hereby amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

“SECTION 13. SOLO PARENTS ID.- ANY SOLO PARENT AS DEFINED BY LAW AND ITS AMENDATORY PROVISIONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A SOLO PARENT ID BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER WHICH SHALL ENTITLE THE HOLDER THEREOF TO THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS:

(A) TWENTY (20%) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES OF MILK OR FORMULA PRODUCTS AS WELL AS DIAPERS AND OTHER NECESSARY INFANT ITEMS;

(B) TWENTY (20%) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON INFANT MEDICINES AND SUPPLEMENTS.

INFANT SHALL REFER TO CHILDREN AGED 0- TO 4 YEARS.”

**Section 3.** The same law is hereby amended by adding a new section which shall read as follows:

*"SECTION 13. "PENAL PROVISIONS"- ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS MENTIONED IN SECTIONS 6,7,8,13 OF THIS ACT SHALL SUFFER THE FOLLOWING PENALTY:*

- (1) FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.*
- (2) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.*
- (3) ANY PERSON WHO ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES HEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00), OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.*
- (4) IF THE VIOLATOR IS A CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR ANY SIMILAR ENTITY, THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES THEREOF DIRECTLY INVOLVED SHALL BE INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE THEREFORE.*
- (5) IF THE VIOLATOR IS AN ALIEN OR A FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE WITHOUT FURTHER DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.*

*UPON FILING OF AN APPROPRIATE COMPLAINT, AND AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING, THE PROPER AUTHORITIES MAY ALSO CAUSE THE REVOCATION OR CANCELLATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT, PERMIT TO OPERATE, FRANCHISE AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO ANY BUSINESSES THAT FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT."*

**Provided That** with the introduction of two new sections , Republic Act 8972 is hereby renumbered accordingly.

**Section 4.** The inter-agency committee created under Republic Act 8972 shall formulate the rules to implement this Act in consultation with other government agencies and private organizations.

**Section 5.** All Acts or parts of Acts, executive orders and their implementing rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 6.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

**Section 7.** This Act takes effect fifteen days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,