


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 5(5) of the 1987 Constitution provides that ***"The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment."***

It is an accepted principle that the quality of our educational system is dependent on the quality of our teachers.

Government school teachers occupy a pivotal role in educating and molding the minds and hearts of our youth. They play a significant role in nation building and in the country's human resource development. Our public school teachers mold the minds of our youth to become responsible and productive members of society. Their sacrifice and unparalleled devotion in fulfilling their noble vocation should be amply rewarded and remembered even after their retirement from the service.

This proposed measure seeks to provide hospitalization benefits to our public school teachers who have rendered a minimum of fifteen years (15) of teaching service in any of the schools, colleges and universities run by the government. This measure is one way of encouraging talented individuals interested in the teaching profession to serve and teach in government run schools, states colleges and universities.

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



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AN ACT

GRANTING FREE HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ALL RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO HAVE RENDERED A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN ANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the **"Government Teachers Hospitalization Benefit Act of 2011."**

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to improve the quality of education in the country and recognizes it as one of the potent economic vehicles in keeping the country attune to globalization.

Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to ensure that public school teachers who have rendered long years of teaching service in our government run schools, states colleges and universities be provided free hospitalization in any government-run hospitals all over the country.

SEC. 3. Government Teachers Hospitalization Benefit. - All retired government school teachers in any public schools, state colleges and universities who have rendered a minimum of fifteen (15) years of continuous service in any public schools, state colleges and universities are hereby provided free hospitalization benefits by the State in any government hospitals, government-run medical centers and health service delivery centers.

SEC. 4. Requirements for Availment. - For purposes of availing of the benefits as envisioned in this Act, the concerned Teacher should secure a certification

from the Department of Education (DepEd) and/or Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that he/she has rendered fifteen (15) years of continuous teaching service in any of the public schools, states colleges and universities run by the government.

SEC. 5. *Information, Education and Communication (IEC).* – The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), shall conduct a nationwide information, education and communication (IEC) campaign in order to inform the general public on how to avail of the services and benefits as provided for in this Act.

SEC. 6. *Appropriation.* – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be included and incorporated in the annual general appropriations of the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the various agencies of the government involved in the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within ninety (90) days from the date of effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provision shall be affected by the invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,