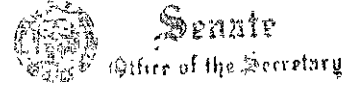


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

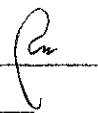
Tourette's syndrome or TS is a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary movements and vocalizations called tics. The disorder is named after Dr. Georges Gilles de la Tourette, the pioneering French neurologist who in 1885 first described the condition in an 86-year-old French noblewoman.

The early symptoms of Tourette's are almost always noticed first in childhood, with the average onset between the ages of 7 and 10 years. Tourette's occurs in people from all ethnic groups; males are affected about three to four times more often than females. Although Tourette's can be a chronic condition with symptoms lasting a lifetime, most people with the condition experience their worst symptoms in their early teens, with improvement occurring in the late teens and continuing into adulthood. There is a need to raise awareness on the nature of this condition to shield children who are afflicted with this disorder from the possible stigma that its symptoms may induce.

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1 AN ACT
2 ESTABLISHING A TOURETTE'S AWARENESS DAY

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

3 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the “Tourette’s Awareness
4 Day Act.”

5 SECTION 2. *Tourette’s Awareness Day.* – The fourteenth day of February shall be
6 known as the “Tourette’s Awareness Day.”

7 SECTION 3. *Programs and Activities.* – The Secretary of Health shall urge all citizens to
8 recognize "Tourette’s Awareness Day" and shall hold programs and activities in observance of
9 this event.

10 SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Health shall
11 promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of
12 this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

13 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
14 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
15 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

16 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,