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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 312

Submitted by the Committee on Health and Demography on JUN - 6 2012

Re: Senate Bill No. 3224

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 397 & 2073, taking into consideration House Bill No. 988

Sponsor: Senator (P.) Cayetano

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Health and Demography to which were referred Senate Bill No. 397, introduced by Sen. Trillanes IV, entitled:

**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS "LIVER CANCER  
AND HEPATITIS-B AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

Senate Bill No. 2073, introduced by Sen. (P.) Cayetano, entitled:

**AN ACT  
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AND HEPATITIS-B AWARENESS MONTH"**

and House Bill No. 988, introduced by Reps. Syjuco, Bondoc and Maranon, entitled:

**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS LIVER CANCER  
AND HEPATITIS-B AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 3224, prepared by the Committee entitled:

**AN ACT  
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AND VIRAL HEPATITIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

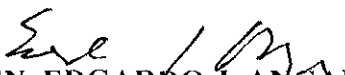
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 397 and 2073, taking into consideration House Bill No. 988 with Senators Trillanes IV and (P.) Cayetano as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted:

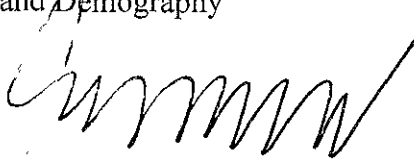


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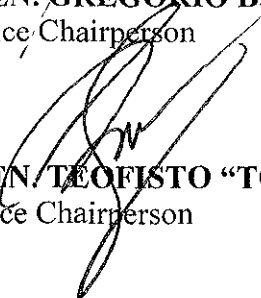
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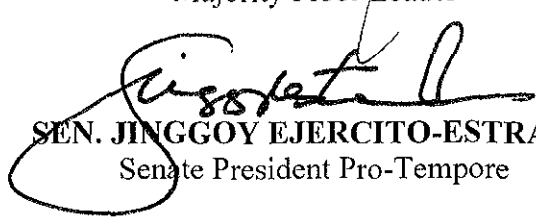
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S.B. No. 3224

(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 397 & 2073, taking into consideration House Bill No. 988)

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AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS "LIVER CANCER  
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OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Liver Cancer and Viral  
2 Hepatitis Awareness and Prevention Month Act".

3 SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the  
4 right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, adopt an integrated and  
5 comprehensive approach to health development, establish and maintain an effective food and  
6 drug regulatory system, and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research  
7 responsive to the country's health needs and problems. In furtherance of this constitutional  
8 mandate, this Act aims to declare the month of January of every year as the awareness and  
9 prevention month for liver cancer and viral hepatitis.

10 SEC. 3. **Awareness Month.** - The month of January of every year shall be designated as  
11 the "Liver Cancer and Viral Hepatitis Awareness and Prevention Month".

12 SEC. 4. **Public Education and Awareness Program.** - To ensure the meaningful  
13 observance of the month as herein declared, a comprehensive public education and awareness  
14 program shall be undertaken on the communicable disease of viral hepatitis. The program shall  
15 specifically discuss the causes, transmission, consequences, diagnoses, treatments and the  
16 prevention of viral hepatitis, including the need for immediate infant immunization and the  
17 indispensability of observing the correct schedule and dosage, as well as the importance of child  
18 and adult vaccination, for a holistic approach in battling the virus.

19 SEC. 5. **Interagency and Multi-Sectoral Effort.** - The Department of Health (DOH), on  
20 the part of the national government, and the cities and municipalities, on the part of the local  
21 governments together with non-government and patients' organizations shall lead the  
22 implementation of comprehensive public education and awareness program on liver cancer and  
23 viral hepatitis through a collaborative interagency and multi-sectoral effort at all levels. It shall  
24 particularly ensure widespread and expeditious public information about the benefits of  
25 compulsory routine immunization for Hepatitis-B of all infants within twenty-four (24) hours  
26 after birth.

27 SEC. 6. **Implementing Rules and Regulations** - The DOH shall promulgate the  
28 appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within  
29 ninety (90) days from its approval.

1           SEC. 7. **Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
3 valid and subsisting.

4           SEC. 8. **Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,  
5 letter of instruction., administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the  
6 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7           SEC. 9. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at  
8 least two national newspapers of general circulation.

9           Approved,