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S. No. 401

Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Injuries are not always life threatening. However, if there are no public health personnel or volunteers on hand then death becomes a serious possibility. This is the normal situation in the mountainous barrios. To effectively address this situation this bill is being proposed to encourage and provide incentives to barrio workers who are involved in community health services. Furthermore, the State has the obligation to make health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost as provided for in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution ,to wit:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

In accordance with the aforementioned reasons the immediate enactment of this bill is earnestly requested.

SERGIO OSMEÑA III
Senator

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AN ACT
PROVIDING INSURANCE TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

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

1   SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "**Barangay Health**

2   **Workers Insurance Act.**"

3   SEC. 2.   The barangay health workers herein contemplated refer to

4   members of any barangay unit of the Philippines from 18 to 80 years old and not

5   otherwise incapacitated or disqualified by law performing on a voluntary basis

6   assistance in health units, hospitals or the red cross, institutions for the aged, or

7   any organized welfare institutions or to doctors, nurses, paramedics or midwives

8   performing community health care services involved.

9   SEC. 3. Any volunteer worker as defined in Section 2 who has rendered

10   satisfactory service for at least six (6) months shall be entitled to an insurance of

11   P10,000.00 in case of death as hereunder provided.

12   SEC. 4. Any qualified volunteer worker performing duties in the barangay

13   who shall sustain injuries without his fault or negligence shall be entitled to a

14   compensation in an amount to be determined by the persons or agencies

15   mentioned in Section 2 but not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00), and

16   in the case of death the sum of Ten thousand pesos P10,000.00) representing

17   the face amount appearing in his/her insurance policy.

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1 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Department of Health after consultations

2 with the Secretary of Interior and Local Governments shall formulate the rules

3 and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act shall be effective after

4 publication in two newspapers of general circulation in the country.

5 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – To fiscally implement this Act, the sum of One

6 million pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the unexpended funds

7 of the Treasury of the Philippines.

8 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act shall

9 be declared unconstitutional, the remaining sections or provisions shall not be

10 affected thereby.

11 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive

12 orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any

13 of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14 *SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days

15 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of

16 general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,