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INTRODUCED BY HON. MANUEL B. VILLAR JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State, under the Constitution, is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of every Filipino and to instill health consciousness among them. The Department of Education, in pursuance of this constitutional mandate, imposes a mandatory requirement for all public school teachers to undergo physical examination every year. This physical examination requirement, although a necessity in order to determine how physically fit teachers are, carries with it an additional financial burden to this overworked yet underpaid civil servants.

It is for this reason that this bill seeks to grant public school teachers free of charge x-ray and other forms of laboratory examinations in any government and private hospitals.

The approval of this bill is fervently called for.



MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.
Senator

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AN ACT
GRANTING PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FREE OF CHARGE X-RAY AND
OTHER FORMS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS IN ANY GOVERNMENT
PRIVATE HOSPITALS DURING THEIR REQUIRED ANNUAL PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Free Physical Examination for Public
2 School Teachers Act of 2004."
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4 **SECTION 2.** X-ray and other forms of laboratory examinations shall be granted to
5 all public school teachers in any government and private hospitals; *Provided, however,* That
6 such privilege shall only be available during the required annual physical examination
7 schedule.
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9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the
10 Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), shall promulgate the necessary rules
11 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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13 **SECTION 4.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
14 included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.
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16 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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18 Approved,
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