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(In substitution of Senate Bill No. 1860)

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Senator Cayetano as author hereof

**AN ACT
REQUIRING MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES AGAINST
HEPATITIS-B FOR INFANTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 996, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION. 1.** Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 996, as amended, is
2 hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 “SEC. 2. *Scope* – Basic Immunization services shall include: (a) BCG
4 Vaccination against tuberculosis; (b) Inoculation against diphtheria, tetanus, and
5 pertussis; (c) Oral poliomyelitis immunization; (d) Protection against measles; (e)
6 Immunization against rubella; (f) immunization against Hepatitis-B; (g) such other
7 basic immunization services for infants and children below eight years of age as
8 determined by the Secretary of Health in a department circular: *Provided, That*
9 [newborn infants of women with Hepatitis-B shall be given immunization against
10 Hepatitis-B within twenty-four (24) hours after birth] **ALL NEWBORN INFANTS**
11 **SHALL BE GIVEN IMMUNIZATION AGAINST HEPATITIS-B IMMEDIATELY**
12 **WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS AFTER BIRTH: PROVIDED, FURTHER,**
13 **THAT INFANTS BORN OUTSIDE A HOSPITAL, MEDICAL CLINIC OR THE**
14 **LIKE, SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ANY AVAILABLE HEALTH CARE**
15 **FACILITY SO AS TO BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST HEPATITIS-B WITHIN**

1 TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS AFTER BIRTH BUT NOT LATER THAN SEVEN
2 (7) DAYS: *PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE,* THAT THE SUBSEQUENT DOSES
3 OF HEPATITIS-B VACCINATION SHALL BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO
4 THE RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF HEPATITIS-B IMMUNIZATION, AS
5 MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
6 ISSUED UNDER SECTION 4 HEREOF: *PROVIDED, FINALLY,* THAT ALL
7 HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS OR HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO ARE
8 ADMINISTERING PRENATAL CARE SHALL EDUCATE ALL PREGNANT
9 MOTHERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THEIR INFANTS THE BASIC
10 IMMUNIZATION SERVICES.”

11 **SEC. 2. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
12 provisions of this Act shall be taken from the budget of the Department of Health
13 (DOH) and from the two and half percent (2.5%) allocation for the disease
14 prevention program of the DOH from the incremental revenues from the alcohol
15 and tobacco excise taxes, as provided for under R. A. 9334.

16 The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) shall include the
17 basic immunization services in its benefit package when actuarial studies have
18 determined its financial feasibility.

19 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, decrees, executive orders,
20 presidential issuances, rules and regulations or any part thereof, which are
21 inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of Health
23 shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act within
24 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.

25 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or
26 provisions of this Act shall be declared or held unconstitutional or invalid, other

1 provision or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be
2 in full force and effect.

3 **SEC. 6. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
4 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
5 general circulation.

6 Approved,