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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11525, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2021"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11525 (RA 11525) or the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021 by adding duly registered dentists and licensed medical technologists to the authorized medical personnel who may administer COVID-19 vaccines in the country.

Under RA 11525, only pharmacists and midwives are allowed as vaccinators aside from doctors and nurses. There is a need for more healthcare professionals who can help in administering COVID-19 vaccines to expedite and expand the rollout of vaccines in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11525, otherwise known as the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. Pharmacists, [and] Midwives, DENTISTS AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS as Vaccinators. - Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4(g) of Republic Act No. 10918, otherwise known as the "Philippine Pharmacy Act," [and] Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7392, otherwise known as the "Philippine Midwifery Act of 1992," SECTION 4(A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL ACT OF 2007," AND SECTION 2(A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5527, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1969," and in furtherance of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, licensed REGISTERED pharmacist, REGISTERED midwives, DULY DENTISTS, AND LICENSED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS who are duly trained by the DOH may administer COVID-19 vaccines that are registered with the FDA or which possess an EUA."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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