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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 245

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography (upon the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Amendments to R.A. No. 11223 (Universal Health Care Act); Migrant Workers; and Finance on MAR 19 2024.

Re: **Senate Bill No. 2620**

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 160, 335, 644, 723, 770, 983 and 1791, taking into consideration House Bill No. 6772.

Sponsor: **Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Health and Demography Subcommittee on Amendments to R.A. No. 11223 (Universal Health Care Act); Migrant Workers; and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 160**, introduced by **Senators Ejercito, Villanueva** and **Legarda** entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT'"**

Senate Bill No. 335, introduced by **Senator Poe**, entitled:

"AN ACT

GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT'"

Senate Bill No. 644, introduced by **Senator Marcos**, entitled:

"AN ACT

EXEMPTING MIGRANT WORKERS FROM THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Senate Bill No. 723, introduced by **Senator Dela Rosa**, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT'"

Senate Bill No. 770, introduced by **Senator Angara**, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"

Senate Bill No. 983, introduced by **Senator Revilla, Jr.**, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR
FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP FOR FILIPINOS"**

Senate Bill No. 1791, introduced by **Senator Revilla, Jr.**, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"**

and **House Bill No. 6772**, introduced by **Representatives F. M. Romualdez, Dalipe, Marcos, Y. M. Romualdez, Acidre, et al.**, entitled:

**"AN ACT
GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE
POWER TO SUSPEND AND ADJUST THE PERIOD OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE OF
PREMIUM RATES FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS OF THE
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
ACT"**

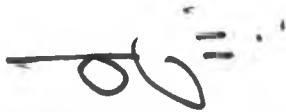
have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2620** prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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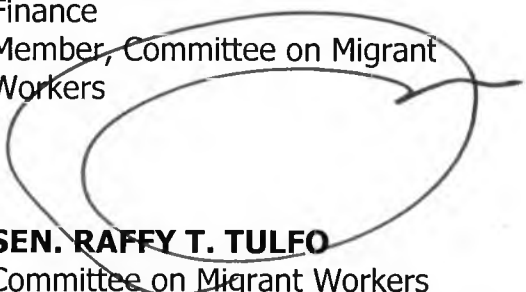
be approved in substitution of **Senate Bill Nos. 160, 335, 644, 723, 770, 983 and 1791**, taking into consideration **House Bill No. 6772**, with Senators Ejercito, Poe, Marcos, Dela Rosa, Angara, Revilla, Jr., Go, Tulfo, Villanueva and Legarda as authors thereof.

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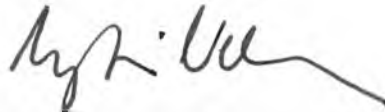


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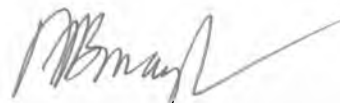
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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"

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

1 Section 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11223 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 Sec. 9. *Entitlement to Benefits.* – Every member shall be granted
4 immediate eligibility for health benefit package under the NHIP: *Provided,*
5 That PhilHealth Identification Card shall not be required in the availment
6 of any health services: *Provided further,* That no co-payments shall be
7 charged for services rendered in basic accommodation: *Provided*
8 *furthermore,* That co-payments and co-insurance for amenities in public
9 hospitals shall be regulated by the DOH and PhilHealth: *Provided [finally],*
10 **FURTHERMORE,** That the current PhilHealth package for members shall
11 not be reduced: and **PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE AMOUNTS**
12 **UNDER EACH BENEFIT PACKAGE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE**

1 **REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY**
2 **ASSESSMENT COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THIS ACT,”**

3 PhilHealth shall provide additional NHIP benefits for direct contributors,
4 where applicable: *Provided*, That failure to pay premiums shall not prevent the
5 enjoyment of any NHIP benefits: *Provided further*, That employers [~~and self-~~
6 ~~employed direct contributors~~] shall be required to pay all missed contributions with
7 an interest, compounded monthly, of at least three percent (3%) for employers
8 [~~and not exceeding 1.5% for self-earning, professional practitioners, and migrant~~
9 ~~workers~~].

10 Sec. 2. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 11223 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows:

12 SEC. 10. *Premium Contributions.* – For direct contributors,
13 premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and
14 monthly income floor and ceiling:

| Year | Premium Rate | Income Floor | Income Ceiling |
|------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2019 | 2.75% | P10,000.00 | P50,000.00 |
| 2020 | 3.00% | P10,000.00 | P60,000.00 |
| 2021 | 3.50% | P10,000.00 | P70,000.00 |
| 2022 | 4.00% | P10,000.00 | P80,000.00 |
| 2023 | 4.50% | P10,000.00 | P90,000.00 |
| 2024 | 5.00% | P10,000.00 | P100,000.00 |
| 2025 | 5.00% | P10,000.00 | P100,000.00] |

| YEAR | PREMIUM RATE | INCOME FLOOR | INCOME CEILING |
|------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2024 | 4% | P10,000.00 | P50,000.00 |
| 2025 | 4.25% | P10,000.00 | P60,000.00 |
| 2026 | 4.5% | P10,000.00 | P65,000.00 |
| 2027 | 4.75% | P10,000.00 | P70,000.00 |
| 2028 | 5% | P10,000.00 | P75,000.00 |

1 ***PROVIDED, THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS***
2 ***AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH,***
3 ***THE PHILHEALTH BOARD MAY ADJUST THE INCOME FLOOR***
4 ***AND INCOME CEILING BASED ON THE FUNDING REQUIREMENT***
5 ***OF HEALTH BENEFIT PACKAGES.***

6 ***FOR MIGRANT WORKERS, PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS***
7 ***SHALL BE BASED ON THE INCOME FLOOR: *PROVIDED, THAT****
8 ***FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION OF***
9 ***MIGRANT WORKERS SHALL BE SHOULDERED BY THE NATIONAL***
10 ***GOVERNMENT : *PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT UNPAID PREMIUM****
11 ***CONTRIBUTIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN DISTRESS SHALL***
12 ***NOT BE COLLECTED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY:***
13 ****PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT FAILURE TO PAY PHILHEALTH****
14 ***CONTRIBUTION SHALL NOT BE A GROUND FOR NON-ISSUANCE***
15 ***OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE OF A MIGRANT***
16 ***WORKER.***

17 ~~*Provided, That f*~~For indirect contributors, premium subsidy shall be
18 gradually adjusted and included annually in the General Appropriations Act
19 (GAA): *Provided, [further,]* That the funds shall be released to Philhealth:
20 *Provided further[more]:* That the DOH, in coordination with Philhealth, may
21 request Congress to appropriate supplemental funding to meet targeted
22 milestones of this Act: *Provided finally,* That for every increase in the rate of

1 contribution of direct contributors and premium subsidy of indirect contributors,
2 Philhealth shall provide for a corresponding increase in benefits.

3 **IN THE EVENT OF A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, PUBLIC**
4 **HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF CALAMITY, THE PRESIDENT OF**
5 **THE PHILIPPINES, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PHILHEALTH**
6 **BOARD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, MAY SUSPEND**
7 **THE INCREASE IN PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES PROVIDED**
8 **UNDER THIS SECTION. THE MANDATED INCREASE SHALL BE**
9 **IMPLEMENTED UPON LIFTING OF THE STATE OF NATIONAL**
10 **EMERGENCY, PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF CALAMITY.**
11 **IN THE EVENT OF SUSPENSION, ALL SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULED**
12 **INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTION RATES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN**
13 **THE SUCCEEDING YEARS ACCORDINGLY.**

14 Sec 3. Section 12 of Republic Act 11223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 *Sec 12. Administrative Expense – [No more than s] Seven and one-half*
16 *percent (7.5%) of the actual total premium collected from direct and indirect*
17 *contributory members during the immediately preceding year shall be allotted*
18 *for the administrative cost of implementing the Program.*

19 Sec 4. Continuity of Benefits – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to eliminate
20 or diminish any benefits or entitlements already granted to members of Philhealth.

21 Sec 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
22 unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force
23 and effect.

24 Sec 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
25 letters of instruction, proclamations, and administrative regulations that are
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
27 accordingly.

28 Sec 7. *Effectivity Clause* - This act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
29 following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper
30 of general circulation.

Approved,