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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide automatic enrollment of all citizens in the National Health Insurance Program.

It is a truism that healthy citizens are essential to bring about faster economic development and better quality of life. Thus, the government must provide a comprehensive health care program to the people. Such is the National Health Insurance Program designed to help the people pay for their health care services.

A review of the Program would reveal, however, the need to strengthen the delivery of health care services to the people. Under the National Health Insurance Program, automatic membership is extended to beneficiaries of SSS, and GSIS members, retirees, pensioners, and their dependents, but requires indigents and the unemployed to first enroll in the Program by complying with several requirements.

Many are still deprived of the benefits of the Program, particularly the marginalized sector. A survey by the Department of Health showed that individuals belonging to poor families have a high degree of mortality since they cannot avail themselves of the necessary health care services.

The primary concern of the Program should be to uplift the plight of the poor by subsidizing health care services that are also readily accessible to everybody. Through automatic enrolment, this proposed measure gives highest the maximum coverage to the population with the basic minimum package of health insurance benefits.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING THAT ALL CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL
AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act no. 7875 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "Sec. 6. **Coverage.** - All citizens of the Philippines shall
4 **AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED AND** be covered by the National Health
5 Insurance Program. [In accordance with the principles of universality and compulsory
6 coverage enunciated in Section 2(b) and 2(1) hereof, implementation of the Program
7 shall, furthermore, be gradual and phased in over a period of not more than fifteen (15)
8 years: *Provided,* That the Program shall not be made compulsory in certain provinces and
9 cities until the Corporation shall be able to ensure that the members in such localities
10 shall have reasonable access to adequate and acceptable health care services. "]

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12 **SEC. 2.** Section 7 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

13 "Sec. 7. **Enrollment.** -The Program shall **AUTOMATICALLY enrol**
14 **ALL CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES AS** beneficiaries in order for them to be placed

1 under coverage that entitles them to avail of benefits with the assistance of the financial
2 arrangements provided by the Program. The process of enrollment shall include the
3 identification of beneficiaries, issuance of appropriate documentation specifying
4 eligibility to benefits, and indicating how membership was obtained or is being
5 maintained. The enrollment shall proceed in accordance with these specific policies:

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9 SEC. 3. Section 46 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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13 "ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BE
14 APPROPRIATED, TO AUGMENT THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS FROM THE
15 RESPECTIVE ANNUAL EARNINGS OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND
16 GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) AND THE PHILIPPWE CHARITY
17 SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), EQUIVALENT FIVE PERCENT (5%) THEREOF."

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19 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least
20 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,