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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO EXTEND
THE HOSPITALIZATION COVERAGE OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL INJURED
WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

WHEREAS, our uniformed personnel, namely members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), risk their lives daily for the safety and protection of our citizens;

WHEREAS, our uniformed personnel, especially in parts of the country where insurgency is rife, sustain trauma injuries, and the frequency of fires arising from the perilous positioning of flammable and compact shanties in depressed areas often cause firefighters burns, contusions, concussions and other life-threatening injuries;

WHEREAS, the high risk of exposure of uniformed personnel to life-threatening and incapacitating injuries and ailments due to the nature of their work greatly outweigh the benefits they receive;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) currently provides only a medical benefit coverage of 45 days of hospitalization, extended to all of its members without distinction;

WHEREAS, data from the Department of National Defense (DND) show that the average number of days of confinement of uniformed personnel ranges from 150 to 200 days;

WHEREAS, the average compensation of uniformed personnel is usually insufficient to finance their continuous and proper medication towards their full recovery from injuries and sicknesses contracted while in the discharge of their duties;

WHEREAS, there are innumerable accounts of uniformed personnel who respond to the call of duty and perform heroic acts to protect the lives and property of others even outside their official working hours;

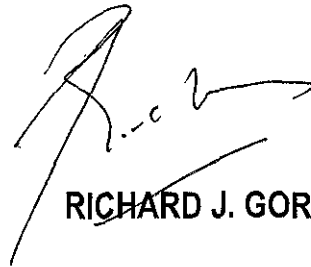
WHEREAS, these heroic uniformed personnel are awarded medals and given recognition for their bravery and courage but are seldom financially rewarded;

WHEREAS, the 45-day hospitalization coverage by PhilHealth is insufficient for full recovery from injuries acquired from duties dangerous in nature;

WHEREAS, the improvement of medical benefits would encourage more citizens to join the ranks of our uniformed personnel and encourage those already in the service to perform their duties with greater passion; *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved: To urge the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation to extend, from 45 days to 150 days, the hospitalization coverage for uniformed personnel injured in the performance of duty.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Gordon', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

RICHARD J. GORDON