

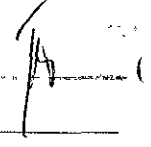
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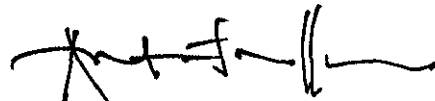
Many of the dental diseases are considered as public health problems in developing countries. In the Philippines, such problems, exacerbated by the lack of proper dental health practices of the general population, have become serious national concerns.

The magnitude of effects of a dental problem can be translated in economic terms. Every tooth affected means two (2) days loss of productivity, lost opportunities, recurring pain and severe discomfort, as well as increased cost of dental treatments.

This bill seeks to create a position of rural dentist in every rural health unit to avert the loss in economic productivity of our people and to alleviate the discomfort felt by those afflicted with such diseases. The creation of one-dentist position in each of the 2,405 rural health units under the Department of Health will adequately serve the priority targets of dental health services - pre-school children, school children, pregnant and non-pregnant mothers and other adults.

While it will cost more in terms of personal services, the benefits to be derived from their services will be remarkable. With this, more children, mothers, and adults can be properly attended to.

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

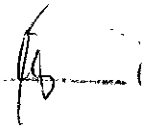


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**AN ACT
CREATING A POSITION OF RURAL DENTIST IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH UNIT
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby created a position of rural dentist in every rural health unit
2 under the supervision of the Department of Health.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Health shall issue rules and regulations for the effective
5 implementation of this Act.

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7 **SEC. 3.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be
8 funded out of the appropriations of the Department of Health under Republic Act Numbered
9 Sixty-six hundred forty-two. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for the continued
10 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,