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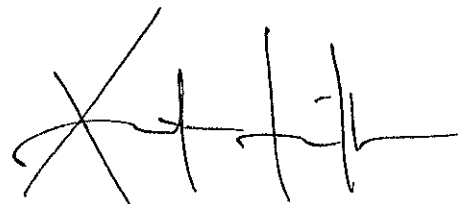
Explanatory Note

Article II Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Despite such policy, efforts on the part of government remain inadequate especially in light of the soaring number of Filipinos afflicted with disabling and costly diseases such as diabetes. Dubbed as a silent killer, diabetes ranks 8th among the leading causes of mortality in the Philippines. Over time, diabetes can lead to heart and blood vessel disease, blindness, kidney failure, and foot ulcers, among other conditions. It is expected that over seven (7) million Filipinos will have diabetes by 2030. Furthermore, diabetes awareness is low among the public.

It is in this light that this bill seeks to promote a different approach in responding to this illness. This measure requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish an advisory group to examine and recommend best practices of diabetes and chronic illness employee wellness incentivization and disease management programs; to prepare, biennially, a diabetes report card for the nation that: (1) is adaptable by state and local agencies in order to rate or report local diabetes care, costs, and prevalence; and (2) includes trend analysis in order to track progress in meeting established national goals and objectives and to inform policy and program development; to conduct, support, and promote the collection, analysis, and publication of data on the prevalence and incidence of type 1 and 2 diabetes and of pre-diabetes; and to improve diabetes mortality data collection.

It is hoped that the passage of this measure shall put a halt to this fast-growing pandemic and shall bring about a healthier diabetes-free population.

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



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AN ACT
TO PROVIDE FOR A FRAMEWORK IN THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF
DIABETES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act may be known as the "*Diabetes Care Act*
2 *of 2013*".

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4 **Sec. 2. *Definition of Terms.*** - As used in this Act, the following terms shall
5 mean as follows:

6 a. Employee wellness and disease management programs shall include but not be
7 limited to personal coaching intervention to target lifestyle topics such as back care,
8 blood pressure management, blood sugar control, exercise, walking breaks, nutrition
9 and stress management, healthy weight management program, smoking cessation
10 program, reduction of behavior-related causes of disease.

11 b. Chronic illness is one that lasts for a very long time and usually cannot be
12 cured completely. It shall include but not be limited to diabetes, heart disease,
13 arthritis, kidney disease, lupus, multiple sclerosis, and HIV.

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15 **SEC. 3. *Advisory Group Regarding Diabetes and Chronic Employee***
16 ***Wellness Incentivization and Disease Management Best Practices.*** -

17 a. *Establishment.* - The Secretary of the Department of Health (hereinafter referred to as
18 the Secretary) shall establish an advisory group consisting of representatives of the public
19 and private sector. The advisory group shall include representatives from public and

1 private sector entities with experience in administering and operating employee wellness
2 and disease management programs.

3 b. *Duties.* – The advisory group established under subsection (a) shall examine and make
4 recommendations of best practices of chronic illness employee wellness incentivization
5 and disease management programs in order to;

- 6 i. provide public and private sector entities with improved information in assessing
7 the role of employee wellness incentivization and disease management programs
8 in saving money and improving quality of life for patients with chronic illnesses;
9 and
10 ii. encourage the adoption of effective chronic illness employee wellness and disease
11 management programs.

12 c. *Report* – Not later than one (1) year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 advisory group established shall submit to the Speaker, Majority and Minority Leader of
14 the House of Representatives, and the President, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of
15 the Senate, the results of the examination under subsection (b)(i).

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17 **SEC. 4. *National Diabetes Report Card.* –**

18 a. *Establishment.* – The Secretary of the Department of Health (referred to in this section as
19 DOH) shall prepare on a biennial basis a national diabetes report card (hereinafter
20 referred to as 'Report Card') for the Nation.

21 b. *Contents.* – Each Report Card shall include statistically valid aggregate health outcomes
22 related to individuals diagnosed with diabetes and pre-diabetes including:

- 23 i. preventative care practices and quality of care;
24 ii. risk factors; and
25 iii. outcomes.

26 c. *Updated Reports.* – Each Report Card that is prepared after the initial Report Card shall
27 include trend analysis for the nation for the purpose of:

- 28 i. tracking progress in meeting established national goals and objectives for
29 improving diabetes care, costs, and prevalence; and

1 ii. informing policy and program development.

2 d. *Availability* – The Secretary shall make each Report Card publicly available, including by
3 posting the Report Card on the Internet.

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5 **SEC. 5. *Improvement of Vital Statistics Collection.* –**

6 a. The Secretary of the DOH shall:

7 i. promote the education and training of physicians on the importance of birth and
8 death certificate data and how to properly complete these documents, including
9 the collection of such data for diabetes and other chronic diseases;

10 ii. encourage local government units' adoption of the latest standard revisions of
11 birth and death certificates; and

12 iii. work with LGUs to re-engineer their vital statistics systems in order to provide
13 cost-effective, timely, and accurate vital systems data.

14 b. *Death Certificate Additional Language* – In carrying out this section, the Secretary
15 may promote the addition of language to death certificates to improve collection of
16 diabetes mortality data, including the addition of a question for the individual
17 certifying to the cause of death regarding whether the deceased had diabetes.

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19 **SEC. 6. *Study On Appropriate Level Of Diabetes Medical Education.* –**

20 a. *In General* – The Secretary of the Department of Health (hereinafter referred to as
21 'Secretary') shall, in collaboration with the University of the Philippines College of the
22 Medicine, and appropriate associations and councils, conduct a study of the impact of
23 diabetes on the practice of medicine in the Philippines and the appropriateness of the
24 level of diabetes medical education that should be required prior to licensure, board
25 certification, and board recertification;

26 b. *Report* – Not later than two (2) years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
27 Secretary shall submit a report on the study under subsection (a) to the appropriate
28 committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines.

1 **SEC. 7. Appropriation.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
2 shall be taken out from the appropriations of the DOH. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the
3 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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5 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
7 valid and subsisting.

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9 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
10 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with, the
11 provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
15 circulation.

Approved,