


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**AN ACT  
GRANTING INCENTIVES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO RURAL HEALTH UNIT  
DOCTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Access to health services should be unimpaired as guaranteed by our Constitution in the Declaration of State Policies. Rural health unit doctors are in the frontline in delivering basic health services to our countrymen. However, these doctors, who prides themselves with same or even better credentials as their private counterparts, receive far lower salaries.

In our nation's quest to provide universal access to health services, it is imperative that we improve the conditions of the people who deliver these services. In this light, this proposed measure seeks to grant additional incentives and other benefits to rural health unit doctors.

More than the monetary value that we attribute to our rural health unit doctors, we are conferring to them the due respect and recognition for their dedication and unselfish service in delivering vital health care needs of our countrymen.

In this regard, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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

1           **Section 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Rural Health Unit Doctors  
2 Incentives and other Benefits Act of 2015."  
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4           **Section 2. Statement of Policy.** - *The State shall protect and promote the right*  
5 *to health of people and instill health consciousness among them by giving each*  
6 *individual unimpaired access to health and information services. Towards this end, this*  
7 *Act shall provide incentives and benefits to rural health unit doctors, the front-liners in*  
8 *the promotion, protection and maintenance of health in the rural areas.*  
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10           **Section 3. Definition of Term.** - The term "rural health doctor" refers to a  
11 licensed doctor of medicine employed by the local government who is assigned to  
12 actively or regularly perform his/her official duties in a rural area or remote community.  
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14           **Section 4. Incentives and Benefits.** - In recognition of their services, rural unit  
15 health doctors shall in addition to their incentives and benefits granted under existing  
16 laws, be entitled to the following:  
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18           (a) hazard allowance in an amount to be determined by the local health board of  
19 the local government unit concerned;  
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21           (b) subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their  
22 duty which shall be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as  
23 determined by the local government unit concerned;  
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25           (c) scholarships in the form of tuition fees and stipends.

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2           **Section 5.** All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and executive orders contrary  
3 to and inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, or modified  
4 accordingly.

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6           **Section 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at  
7 least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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***Approved,***