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AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “CPR
2 Training in Schools Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Pursuant to Section 15, Article II of
4 the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is hereby declared the policy of the State
5 to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health
6 consciousness among them.

7 Pursuant thereto, the State shall ensure that able-bodied citizens are
8 equipped with the necessary knowledge and basic skills to respond to certain
9 health emergencies.

10 SEC. 3. *Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction for Basic*
11 *Education Students.* – It shall be the duty of all public and private basic
12 education schools operating nationwide to provide their students with one (1)
13 or more training sessions in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) through the

1 use of psychomotor training in an age-appropriate manner. The CPR
2 instruction shall include programs which have been developed by the
3 Philippine Heart Association (PHA) or by the Philippine National Red Cross
4 (PNRC) using nationally-recognized, evidence-based guidelines for
5 emergency cardiovascular care, and psychomotor training to support the
6 instruction. As far as practicable, basic education schools shall incorporate the
7 CPR training as part of the schools' comprehensive health and physical
8 education curriculum.

9 As used in this Act, *psychomotor training* refers to hands-on practice to
10 support cognitive learning.

11 **SEC. 4. CPR Training as Prerequisite for Graduation.** – Every student
12 in the primary and secondary levels shall be required to undergo at least one
13 (1) CPR training session as requirement for graduation. All successful
14 student-trainees shall be certified to have undergone the training required by a
15 competent school authority.

16 **SEC. 5. Training Providers.** – The school principal or administrator
17 shall coordinate with the Department of Health for its assistance in providing
18 competent instructors for the school's CPR training program. The school
19 principal or administrator shall ensure that instructors for CPR shall be utilized
20 as trainers only if the instruction is intended to lead to a certification for
21 students.

22 School principals or administrators are encouraged to accept competent
23 CPR instructors from nongovernment organizations (NGOs) who are offering
24 their services for free.

25 **SEC. 6. Exceptions.** – Students suffering from any physical or mental
26 disability which may render them unable to perform a CPR procedure are
27 exempted from going through the CPR training program.

1 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
2 days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation
3 with the Secretary of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations
4 implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and
5 regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days
6 after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

7 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
8 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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