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Introduced by **Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE**  
**DENG VAXIA VACCINEES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**  
**AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

More than 830,000 children were inoculated of Dengvaxia vaccine which supposed to prevent the occurrence of severe Dengue among the population.

However, on November 28, 2017, Sanofi Pasteur, the manufacturer of Dengvaxia, released a new clinical finding on the vaccine's adverse effect to its recipients. This reinforce the previous sentiment from the medical community that the government should have defer the launch and implementation of the Dengue vaccine.

Following the announcement of Sanofi Pasteur, numerous Dengvaxia inoculated children has been reported in the news to have allegedly developed different adverse effects, from headache to death. Experts claimed that further study is needed to determine if there is a correlation between Dengvaxia and deaths among school children who have been inoculated with vaccines.

On the other hand, assistance from the government to Dengvaxia recipient children is needed to guarantee that immediate attention will be given if suspected adverse effects occur to said children. Furthermore, the government needs to undertake surveillance of the kids injected with the vaccine and identify and monitor the condition of those who had not been infected prior to vaccination.

Under this measure, the Department of Health shall manage the Dengvaxia Program that intends to address the needs of Dengvaxia vaccines. The proposed funding for the said program will initially come from the Php1.16 billion refund from Zuellig Pharma for the unused Dengvaxia vaccines. This amount is already available based on a certification from the Bureau of Treasury.

The enactment of this bill is one of the necessary steps to ensure the protection and welfare of the Dengvaxia recipients.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this earnestly sought.



**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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*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 "**Dengvaxia**  
2 **Assistance Program.**"  
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- 4 Sec. 2. **Dengvaxia Assistance Program.** – The Department of Health  
5 (DOH) shall implement Dengvaxia Assistance Program that includes but not  
6 limited to the following:  
7 a. Medical assistance program for hospitalization of Dengvaxia  
8 recipients;  
9 b. Outpatient health care services for Dengvaxia recipients;  
10 c. Deployment of Nurse-Health Education and Promotion Officers; and,  
11 d. Distribution of medical kits to Dengvaxia vaccinees.  
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- 13 Sec. 3. **Appropriations.** – For the fiscal year 2018, the sum of One Billion  
14 One Hundred Sixty-Five Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos  
15 (P1,165,190,000.00) is hereby appropriated to fund Dengvaxia Assistance  
16 Program established under this Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary to  
17 cover the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the  
18 DOH under the General Appropriations Act.



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**Sec. 4. Use and Release of Funds.** – The amount appropriated shall be used for the Dengvaxia Assistance Program established under Section 2 of this Act. Release of funds under this Act shall be made directly to the Department of Health and other implementing agencies.

**Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Budget and Management and DOH shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All provisions of existing laws, order, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or section of this Act is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or sections hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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

Approved,