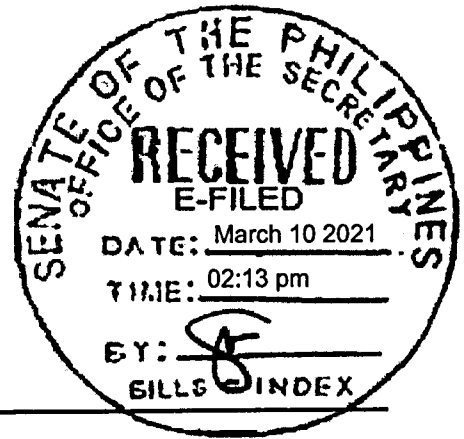


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT No. 192

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance on
March 10 2021.

Re : Senate Bill No. 2097 prepared by the Committees.
Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975,
1977 and 2000, taking into consideration HBN 8461.

Sponsor: Senator Christopher Bong Go

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1966**, introduced by Senator Marcos, entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO SUSPEND THE INCREASE IN PREMIUM RATE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
(PHILHEALTH) FOR THE YEAR 2021, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Senate Bill No. 1968, introduced by Senators Poe, Zubiri, Villanueva, Angara, Binay, and Gatchalian, entitled:

**"AN ACT
MANDATING THE SUSPENSION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN
PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT' AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"**

Senate Bill No. 1971, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE DEFERMENT OF THE SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM
CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
ACT', IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR STATE OF
CALAMITY"**

Senate Bill No. 1975, introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
'AN ACT INSTITUTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL
FILIPINOS, PRESCRIBING REFORMS IN THE HEALTH CARE
SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR'"**

Senate Bill No. 1977, introduced by Senator de Lima, entitled:

**"AN ACT
GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO
SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM
CONTRIBUTION RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH
CARE ACT'"**

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and taking into consideration **House Bill No. 8461**, introduced by Representatives Velasco, Quimbo, et. al, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PHILHEALTH
PREMIUM RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH
CARE ACT'"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2097**, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILHEALTH
PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT'"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977, 2000 and taking into consideration House Bill No. 8461 with Senators Marcos, Poe, Zubiri, Villanueva, Angara, Binay, Gatchalian, Gordon, Revilla, Jr., De Lima, and Go as authors hereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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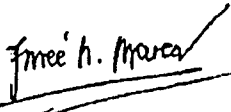


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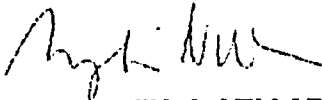


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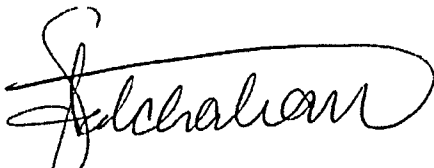
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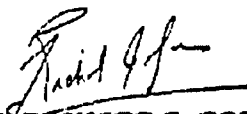
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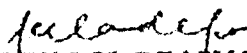
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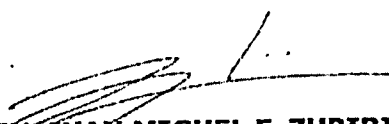


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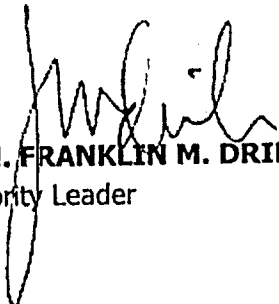
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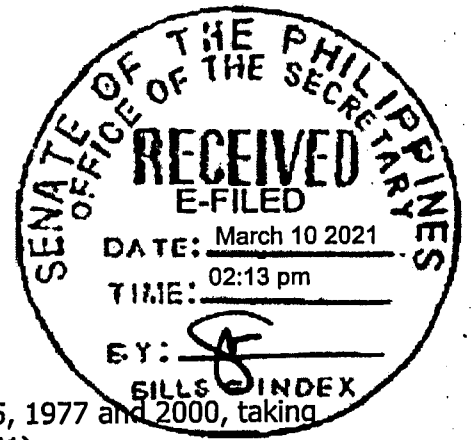
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HON. VICENTE C. SOTTO III
Senate President
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For the purposes of the provisions of the Act, the power to suspend the
operation of the provisions of the Act shall be exercised for the purpose
of the provisions of the Act, the provisions of the Act shall be suspended.

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S. B. No. 2097

(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977 and 2000, taking into consideration House Bill No. 8461)

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AN ACT

GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"

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

1 **Section 1. Suspension of PhilHealth Premium Contribution Increase.** - Section
2 10 of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Health Care Act" is
3 hereby amended to read, as follows:

4 "SECTION 10. *Premium Contributions.* - For direct contributors,
5 premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and monthly
6 income floor and ceiling:

Year	Premium Rate	Income Floor	Income Ceiling
2019	2.75%	₱10,000.00	₱50,000.00
2020	3.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱60,000.00
2021	3.50%	₱10,000.00	₱70,000.00
2022	4.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱80,000.00
2023	4.50 %	₱10,000.00	₱90,000.00
2024	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00
2025	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00

7 *Provided,* That for indirect contributors, premium subsidy shall be
8 gradually adjusted and included annually in the General Appropriations Act

1 (GAA): *Provided, further,* That the funds shall be released to PhilHealth:
2 *Provided, furthermore,* That the DOH, in coordination with PhilHealth, may
3 request Congress to appropriate supplemental funding to meet targeted
4 milestones of this Act: *Provided, finally,* That for every increase in the rate of
5 contribution of direct contributors and premium subsidy of indirect
6 contributors, PhilHealth shall provide for a corresponding increase in benefits.

7 **IN THE EVENT OF A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR**
8 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF NATIONAL CALAMITY,**
9 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF**
10 **THE PHILHEALTH BOARD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH**
11 **STAKEHOLDERS, MAY SUSPEND THE INCREASE IN PREMIUM**
12 **CONTRIBUTION RATES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE**
13 **MANDATED INCREASE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED UPON THE LIFTING**
14 **OF THE STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, OR PUBLIC HEALTH**
15 **EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF NATIONAL CALAMITY. ALL SUBSEQUENT**
16 **SCHEDULED INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTION RATES SHALL BE**
17 **IMPLEMENTED IN THE SUCCEEDING YEARS ACCORDINGLY."**

18 **Section. 2. *Continuity of Benefits.*** – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
19 eliminate or diminish any benefits or entitlements already granted to members of
20 PhilHealth.

21 **Section. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other
22 issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed
23 or modified accordingly.

24 **Section. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or section of this Act is held
25 to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or sections hereof, which are not
26 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

27 **Section. 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
28 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
29 Philippines.

Approved,