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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

### SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4041



Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a free Vitamin C program for all public elementary and high school teachers in the country.

Given their meager salaries despite the amount of work and sacrifice required of them, public school teachers, more often than not, face the reality of having a "come-what-may" attitude when it comes to taking care of their health due to financial restrictions. Even the basic intake of vitamins is, often times, set aside. Ironically, it is, in fact, to the best interest of their students and, the parents, to ensure that they are in good health for them to actually perform their teaching duties better.

Hopefully, this Act will provide the necessary means for our public school teachers to have ready access to even just Vitamin C, arguably the most important of all vitamins, due to its functions as an antioxidant and as an immune system booster.

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## ESTABLISHING A FREE VITAMIN C PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the "Free Vitamin C for Public School Teachers Act of 2016".

- SEC. 2. Every public elementary and high school teacher in the country shall have access to free Vitamin C.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Health (DOH) shall collaborate and formulate the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
- SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.
- SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Approved.