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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL No. 4811

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Introduced by **Rep. MARLYN B. ALONTE**

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AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE DETERMINATION OF OTHER TYPES OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prevention is always better than cure, and this rings true to a child's health. When it comes to a child's health, any disease may turn worse if not taken seriously. That is why the government has ensured measures to encourage parents to have their children immunized. Vaccines are important because it provides protection before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.

Republic Act No. 10152 mandates mandatory immunization among infants and children. However, only a limited number of vaccines are currently offered. This bill seeks to include in the coverage the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

1. Rotavirus, which is the most common cause of potentially fatal severe diarrhea among children worldwide. The virus kills at least 3,500 infants and young children in the country each year.

2. Japanese Encephalitis (JE), which is a mosquito-borne viral disease and is the leading cause of viral encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in Asia. Children are most at risk of JE, with cases recorded in every region in the country.

3. Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), which is a vaccine against pneumonia to prevent one of the most common causes of mortality among children less than five years old.

4. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which a well-established cause of cervical cancer, and thus preventable by using vaccine.

The bill also proposes to put a limit to the power of the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) to solely determine and decide on other types of vaccines to be included in the National Immunization Program, following the Dengvaxia controversy. Instead, recommendations from Formulary Executive Committee (a panel of top Filipino experts) and the National Immunization Committee will be required.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

**SECTION 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10152 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. *Coverage.* - The mandatory basic immunization for all infants and children provided under this Act shall cover the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

- (a) Tuberculosis;
- (b) Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
- (c) Poliomyelitis;
- (d) Measles;
- (e) Mumps;
- (f) Rubella or German measles;
- (g) Hepatitis-B;

(h) H. Influenza type B (HIB); [and]

**(I) ROTAVIRUS;**

**(J) JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS;**

**(K) PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (PCV);**

**(L) HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV); AND**

**(M) Such other types as may be determined by the Secretary of Health in a department circular[.] IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FORMULARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) AND THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION COMMITTEE (NIC) CREATED AS AN ADVISORY GROUP TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SETTING OF A DOH POLICY DIRECTION ON THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NIP).**

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**SEC. 2.** A new section to be numbered as Section 7 is hereby added after Section 6 of the same Act to read as follows:

**"SEC. 7. ANNUAL REPORT. – THE DOH SHALL SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON OR BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR, OR UPON REQUEST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS, A REPORT GIVING A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."**

**SEC. 3.** Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the same Act are hereby renumbered as Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, respectively.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*