### Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Constitution Hills, Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4037



Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to require telephone companies to give free P100 cellular phone load to public elementary and high school teachers in the country.

Regarded as modern day heroes, our public school teachers are given the gargantuan task of properly educating and helping mold our children into lawabiding and valuable members of our society.

Yet, despite this challenging mandate, their salaries and wages are not enough to meet their basic needs.

One way of incentivizing our teachers is to lighten the burden of their communication and cellular phone expenses. This is so as it is an accepted fact that cellphones have become a basic part of our daily lives. Its daily use have become quite extensive, thus, requiring significant expense.

Hopefully, this Act will help public school teachers cushion their cellphone load expense.

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# REQUIRING TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO GIVE FREE P100 CELLULAR PHONE LOAD TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE COUNTRY

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 Cellular Phone Load For Teachers Act of 2016".
- SEC. 2. All telephone companies operating in the country shall be required to give a P 100 cellular phone load every month to all public elementary and high school teachers in the country.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) are mandated to collaborate and shall formulate the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
- SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provision 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orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are, hereby, repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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.