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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3892



Introduced by: **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to the national policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social being, the State shall promote awareness and instill consciousness among Filipino youth on the importance of first aid and immediate care in times of emergency or serious injury.

The Philippines, being a tropical country which is prone to natural disasters or calamities, needs to impose this mandatory first aid training among its youth as this can be very useful during emergencies. First aid training which is a knowledge of simple techniques and procedures aims to equip the youth with appropriate skills for disaster resiliency that is very timely and relevant to our country.

This bill seeks to recognize the importance and necessity for the Filipino youth to have and undergo basic first aid training as it helps to save lives. A trained person is more reliable, confident and in control of themselves when an emergency arises. People who are trained are more likely to take immediate action in an emergency situation. It also creates the confidence to care while encourages healthy and safe living. They are also in a better position to assess their surroundings. Knowledge of first aid promotes the sense of safety and awareness while the desire to be accident free keeps us more safe and reduces the number of casualties and accidents.

For the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS TO UNDERGO BASIC
FIRST AID TRAINING**

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

SEC 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Mandatory First Aid Training for SK Officials Act"

SEC 2. Declaration of State Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the well being and health of the people. It is also the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social being. Pursuant to these national policies, the State shall promote awareness and instill consciousness among Filipino youth on the importance of first aid and immediate care in times of emergency or serious injury.

SEC 3. Mandatory first Aid Training for SK Officials.- All Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials shall, within three (3) months from their assumption to office, undergo basic first aid training by the Department of Health or other reputable organizations or institutions providing such training who shall issue the necessary certifications for this purpose. SK officials shall submit to the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) a copy of their training certification.

SEC 4. First Aid Training for the Youth.- The National Youth Commission, in collaboration with Sangguniang Kabataan officials, shall formulate policies and programs to encourage the youth to undergo basic first aid training.

SEC 5. First Aid Kits.- Local government units shall ensure that all barangay halls and SK offices are equipped with first aid kits.

SEC 6. Appropriations.- The amounts necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the National Youth Commission in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

SEC 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Lerna L. Mucins