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Introduced by **DIWA Party-list Representative Hon. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay**


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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

According to the recent Department of Health statistics, about twenty percent (20%) of all deaths are accounted for cardiac diseases. In fact, approximately half of all deaths from heart diseases occur as Sudden Cardiac Arrest.<sup>1</sup> It can happen at any time, to anyone, anywhere, and although pre-existing heart disease is a common cause, it may strike people with no history of cardiac disease or symptoms.<sup>2</sup>

When a victim suffers from cardiac arrest, they have but a few short minutes before brain damage, organ damage, or even death occurs. The cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which rescue breathing coupled with chest compressions buys the victim the time that may be required to save their life.

It is only fitting for everyone, including the students in the secondary level to be prepared and knowledgeable in CPR so that when they encounter an emergency, a first aid would be readily available.

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.philheart.org/index.php/cpr/569-sudden-cardiac-arrest-and-the-value-of-cpr>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.



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**AN ACT**  
**TO INCORPORATE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING**  
**IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

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

SECTION 1: *Short title.* – This Act shall be known as the “CPR Instruction Act.”

SECTION 2: *Definition of terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the term:

- (a) *students* refer to those enrolled in public and private secondary education;
- (b) CPR refers to cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- (c) DepEd refers to the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. *CPR Training in Secondary Schools Curriculum.* – The Department of Education (DepEd) is hereby directed to mandate that all secondary schools, public and private, to incorporate in their respective physical education curriculum a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, using nationally recognized training courses.

SECTION 4. *Grants for CPR Training in Public Secondary Schools.* – To facilitate the implementation of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd) shall make grants to public secondary schools for the purpose of establishing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, using nationally recognized training courses. Such grants shall –

(a) Provide funding for two-year programs in public secondary schools, with a majority of the funding to be provided on the first year to pay start-up costs, including initial teacher training in CPR instruction and purchase of printed informational or instructional materials, mannequins, and other equipment; and the remainder of the funding shall be provided in the second year to pay for upkeep, continued or additional teacher training, and other subsidiary costs; and

(b) Encourage and foster new existing community partnerships with and among public and private organizations to aid in providing CPR training in public secondary schools.

SECTION 7. *Educational Materials.* – It shall be obligatory on all public and private secondary schools to keep in their libraries an adequate number of copies of text books, primers, and leaflets on CPR training to be issued by the DepEd. The DepEd shall determine the adequacy of the number of books, depending upon the enrolment of the students.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,