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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4923



Introduced by Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide a health care program to our public school teachers in the Philippines. The teachers mould our youth to become the future and hope of our nation and they can only do that if our teachers has no health problems.

Teaching is the profession that can create all other professions however, teachers struggle with financial problems but in spite of that they are genuinely fulfilled in their chosen career. Their profession entails a lot of sacrifices, it takes a lot of patience and hard work to be a teacher. Their work is not only confined within the four walls of the classroom, most of the time they carry on their work up to their homes in order to finish their documentary assessment of their students. Teachers give more of themselves than is objectively called for but sometimes their physical body gives up and they get sick.

Hospitalization and medicines are very expensive considering the salary of our public school teachers.

Our teachers also shoulder laboratories and other physical examination fees before the school year starts.

This measure seeks to address the healthcare woes our teachers experience by providing to them a Healthcare Maintenance Organization (HMO) coverage for all public school teachers.

Through this measure, the morale and self-esteem of our silent heroes our public school teachers will be given a much needed boost.

In view of this, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING HEALTH CARE PROGRAM
FOR GOVERNMENT TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “Health Care Program for Government Teachers.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of policies.- It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of all Filipinos and instill health consciousness among them.

SEC. 3. Coverage.- This Act shall cover all public school teachers.

Sec. 4. The State shall adopt a model that provides teachers access to a comprehensive quality and cost effective, promotive, preventive, curative,, rehabilitative and palliative health services without financial hardship.

Sec. 5. The Department of Education shall provide a health care provider accredited to the hospitals all over the country.

SEC. 6. Appropriations.- The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.- All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause.- If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or valid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Effectivity.- This Act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.