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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a given fact that medical and dental services in the country are beyond the reach of the most common tao. If the urban people seldom see their doctors and dentists, more so with the barrio and rural folks.

The government has tried hard to reach out to all people and extend them medical and dental assistance. As the efforts on the medical side strengthened, the dental side however, seemed to have taken the backseat. Statistics will indicate that we rank among the lowest in Southeast Asia in granting oral and dental protection to our people. This leads to an assortment of related diseases which in some instances may become fatal.

It is in this regard that this bill seeks to create the position of rural dentist in every rural health unit, under the supervision of the Department of Health.

The early passage of this measure is hereby earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT
CREATING A POSITION OF RURAL DENTIST IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH
UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a position of rural dentist in every rural health unit under the supervision of the Department of Health.

Sec. 2. The Department of Health shall issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be funded out of the appropriations of the Department of Health.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.