

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS  
THIRD REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 5825



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Medical Doctor **Charles L. Cheng**.

Born of Chinese parents in Baguio City in 1932, Dr. Charles Cheng has been a permanent resident in this country up to the present. Married to Katherine Bersamira-Cheng of Baguio City, he is blessed with two children.

Dr. Cheng finished his elementary, secondary, and tertiary (AB-1956) education in Baguio City and his professional medical studies at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila, in 1961. Since then he has been a lifetime fellow of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and of the Philippine Medical Association. He was the first grantee of a scholarship given by the International Planned Parenthood Federation – Southeast Asia and Oceania – to train in Singapore in 1965.

Dr. Cheng is the founder and medical doctor of the Baguio Filipino-Chinese General Hospital in Baguio City, a hospital that has served and is still serving well the people of the Cordillera and the neighboring provinces in North and Central Luzon.

His ardent desire to utilize his multi-farious talents in the service of Filipinos is gleaned from a number of his published works and activities, as follow:

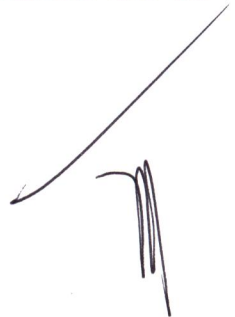
1. Four (4) books authored by him, i.e. on in relation to public health and three relating to historical research. His books, (1) **Pesticides : Its hazardous Effects to Man and the Environment**, is being used as a textbook and reference material by agricultural students of four state colleges and universities (including U.P Los Banos), and by various Farmers' Field Schools of the Department of Agriculture; the other three socio-historical books: (2) **The Ethnic Chinese in Baguio and the Cordilleras: the untold story of Pioneers**; (3) **Baguio History through Stamps, 2004**, and (4) **Profile of the Filipino-Cantonese in Baguio and the Cordilleras, 2005**, are priceless records that may contribute to the enhancement of Filipino culture and history;
2. Nine (9) Journal Publications on Family Planning authored by him. (1) **A Study on Family Planning Among Benguet State University Students**, 1978; (2) **A Study on**

the Concepts of Attitudes toward and Practices on Responsible Parenthood among the Youth in Region I, 1978; (3) **Fertility and Family Planning: Result of Study among the People in the Five Mining Areas of Benguet Corporation**, 1979; (4) **The First KAP on Family Planning Survey among the Youth**, 1978; (5) **Philippine Law on Abortion as Perceived by the Legal Luminaries**; (6) **Concepts and Values on Family Planning among Filipinos**; (7) **Causes and Consequences of early Teenage Marriages in Baguio and Benguet**, 1988; (8) **The Origin, Early Detection and Prevention of Homosexuality**; and (9) **A comparative Study on the Physical Fitness Profile and Menstrual Patterns of the Filipina Athletes and Non-Athletes**, 1993;

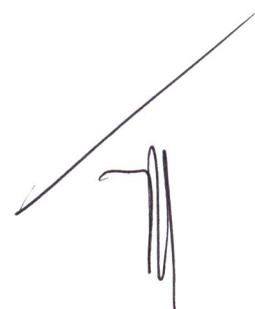
3. On the campaigns for public health and family medicine, Dr. Cheng has been involved and still involving himself as indicated by the following journals he authored: (1) **Pesticide and its Effects on Highlanders**, 1995; (2) **Pesticides : Its Hazardous Effect on the Benguet Vegetable Farmers and the Environment**, 1990, for which he was awarded by the Municipality of Kabayan, Benguet; (3) **Cigarette Smoking among High School Students in Baguio and Benguet and their Association with Marijuana**; (4) **Incidence of Intestinal Parasites among the Elementary School Children in the City of Baguio and their Effects on Academic Performance**, 1983; (5) **Smoking Habits among the People of Baguio**; (6) **Physical Fitness Profile among Elementary School Children in Four School Districts in Baguio City**; (7) **Blood Grouping Distribution in the Cordilleras: A Baseline Study**; (8) **The Cordillerans: Earthquake Experience and their Psychological Sufferings: A retrospective Study**, 1991; (9) **Indigenous Beliefs, Attitudes and Practices of the People of Kapangan and Tuba Benguet on Iodine Deficiency Disorders**, 1994; (10) **A Clinical Investigation into the Effectiveness of Acupuncture on various Diseases: A Philippine Experience**, 1994; (11) **Iodine Deficiency Disorders: A Study on the Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices of the People of Baguio City and Benguet Province**; (12) **The Silent Killer among the Women Farmers of Buguias and Kabayan, Benguet: A Comparative Study**, 1994; (13) **Common Intestinal Parasites among Medical Technology Students at the University of Baguio**; and (14) **Incidence of Intestinal Parasites and the Academic Performance of the Medical Students at the University of Baguio**;
4. An acupuncture expert for many years, he applies such knowledge and expertise in the treatment of a number of illnesses and bodily misfunctions. His publications on this form of treatment are hereby enumerated: (1) **Acupuncture and the Treatment of Common Ailments**; (2) **Acupressure as Folk Medicine**; (3) **Treatment of Common Ailments with Acupressure**; (4) **Acupressure Technique**; (5) **Electro-Acupuncture in the Treatment of Cancer Pain**, 1987; and (6) other **Researches on Acupuncture** such as (a) **Acupuncture in Bells' Palsy**; (b) **Trigeminal Neuralgia Among Filipinos Treated with Acupuncture**; (c) **Biostatistical Profile of Filipinos Seeking Acupuncture Treatment**; (d) **Herpes Zoster and Acupuncture**; (e) **Tinnitus Among Filipinos and Acupuncture**; (f) **Diseases of the Joint and Acupuncture**; (g) **Weight Reduction Through Acupuncture**; (h) **Smoking Withdrawal Through Acupuncture**; (i) **Hypertension and Acupuncture**; (j) **Leprosy and Acupuncture**; and (k) **Tongue Cancer Treated Through Acupuncture**.



5. In the field of Sports Medicine, he has helped a lot of Filipino athletes throughout the years. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games athletes benefited much in terms of training. His publications on Sports Medicine published in a number of national and local papers are hereby listed: (1) **Sixteen Years of Boxing Injuries in the Philippines**, 1987; (2) **Alcohol and Sports**; (3) **Running a Lifetime Exercise**; (4) **Heat Injury Syndrome among Athletes: Initial Treatment and Prevention**; (5) **Improving the Physical Fitness Profile of Executives**; (6) **Diabetes and Exercise**; (7) **Maturity and Classification of Athletes**; (8) **Rope Skipping an Alternative to Aerobic Mode of Exercise**; and (9) **Asthmatic and Exercise**;
6. A number of other publications dealing with the social impact of medical practices, medical technology, medical education, acceptability of herbal drugs etc. on the Cordillera people are available at the libraries and research centers of colleges and universities in the Cordillera Administrative Region. A list of these publications follows: (1) **Problems of Highland Medical Practice**, 1971; (2) **Motivations of Medical Technology Students of the University of Baguio**; (3) **The Public Perception of the Hospitals in the City of Baguio**; (4) **SLU Medical Student: His Motivation, Perception of his Faculty, Peers and Climate of Learning**; (5) **A Close Look into the Relevancy of the Philippine Medical Education by the Medical Students**, 1979; (6) **Characteristics and Perceived Problems of the Medical Technology Students at the University of Baguio**; (7) **Earthquake Injuries in a Secondary Hospital**, 1990; (8) **Economic and Social Costs of Panic Disorders in Benguet**; (9) **Perception of Attitude Toward an Acceptability of Herbal Drugs among Medical Allied Practitioners and Consumers of Baguio and Benguet**;
7. International, national, and local agencies and organizations have honored him with more than a hundred of honors and awards for his services. A few most important awards and citations are hereby mentioned: (1) **Plaque of Recognition** – for services rendered to the Baguio Filipino-Cantonese Association as President of the Association from 2000-2006. June 23, 2006 Baguio Hotel Supreme; (2) **Plaque of Recognition** – for the promotion of amateur boxing to Roxas Elementary School. July 17, 2006; (3) **Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award of Excellence** – Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine and Community Service – Manila Times June 19, 2005 Kaisa Heritage Center, (4) **Most Outstanding Senior Citizen in Medicine and Community Service** – City Government of Baguio. September 3, 2005; (5) **Plaque of Recognition** – for being a lecturer to the Southeast Asian Games and Asian Pacific Congress on Exercise and Sports Sciences (APCESS) International Scientific Conference. November 21-24, 2005; (6) **Plaque of Recognition** (Individual Award) – for the continued and unconditional support for being the chairman of the Community Council of Elders in the peace keeping program, projects activities of the Police Regional Office – Cordillera. February 25, 2005, Baguio City Government; (7) **Sports Award** – Kafagway 2005 for exemplary leadership, excellence and highly meritorious in the promotion of sports among the youth. February 25, 2005; (8) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for one of the judges in the selection of Outstanding citizens of Baguio. (9) **Certificate of Recognition** – for the active involvement in the Filipino-Chinese Spring Festival Celebration, a joint undertaking of the City Government and the



Filipino-Chinese Community. January 20, 2005; (10) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for his zealous participation in the promotion of Filipino-Chinese understanding and celebration of Spring Festival as Vice-Chairman to the executive committee. January 17, 2005; (11) **Plaque of Recognition** – for the generous support to the Feeding Program, stool examination and deworming of the students of Roxas Elementary School from 2000-2005, DepED and Roxas Elementary School Parents Teachers Community Federation. March 22, 2005; (12) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for the total commitment in the pursuit and ideals of the Rotary. Rotary Club North- Baguio. November 10, 2005; (13) **Plaque of Recognition** – as active partner of the PNP in the campaign of Criminality and promotion of peace and order in the Cordillera Region. February 24, 2004, Camp Dangwa, NAPOLCOM-PNP – Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-CAR); (14) **Plaque of Recognition** – Office of the Preident, Phillipine Sports Commission for the unconditional commitment to the promotion of amateur boxing being the Regional ABAP-CAR. Oct. 29, 2004; (15) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for being one of the judges in the selection of outstanding citizens of Baguio for 2004 by the City Government. September 5, 2005; (16) **Certificate of Recognition** – for the active involvement in the Filipino- Chinese Spring Festival Celebration, a joint undertaking of the City Government and the Filipino-Chinese Community. February 9, 2004; (17) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for his zealous participation in the 94<sup>th</sup> Baguio Charter Day as member of the Outstanding Citizens and NGO Search Committee. September 1, 2004; (18) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for the invaluable services rendered to the Philippine Institutional University Cooperation Programme Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Read Flemish Inter- University Council and Saint Louis University. Jan 23, 2004; (19) **Certificate of Recognition** – for the generous support to the Feeding Program of the Baguio City National High School- Roxas Annex for School Years 2000-2004. DepEd Baguio, October 28, 2004; (20) **Kafagway 2004 Sports Award** – for exemplary leadership, excellence and highly meritorious in the promotion of sports among the youth. January 30, 2004; (21) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for being the guest lecturer on sports to the Plebe. Philippine Military Academy. November 20, 2004, PMA; (22) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for the promotion of amateur boxing among the youth on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Charter Day of Baguio. September 23, 2003; (23) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for being one of the judges in the selection of outstanding citizens of Baguio for 2003. City Government. September 5, 2003; (24) **Certificate of Recognition** – for the active involvement in the Filipino-Chinese Spring Festival Celebration, a joint undertaking of the City Government and the Filipino-Chinese Community. February 12, 2003; (25) **Certificate of Commendation** – for the active involvement in the KABANGA Nutrition Campaign of the National Nutrition Council of the Philippines – CAR, Division of City Schools and the Baguio City (Hosts) Lions Club. July 19, 2003; (26) **Plaque of Recognition** – for invaluable services to the Nutritionists Dietitians Association of the Philippines- CAR. June 26-27, 2003; (27) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for invaluable support in the implementation of the Regional Nutrition Program through continuous Nutrition Advocacy and Linkaging the Nutrition Program with other organizations. October 23, 2003. Department of Agriculture, National Nutrition Council; (28) **Plaque of Recognition** – Thailand Sports Commission, Bangkok,



Thailand. October 24-30, 2003 as head delegation, physician and manager of the Philippine Women's Amateur Boxing Team where the Philippines ranked fourth among eleven competing countries in the First Asian Amateur Women's Boxing Championships at Thailand. October 30, 2002; (29) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for effectively leading all chapter activities of the Philippine Academy of Physicians, Inc. April 4, 2002; (30) Service Award for 1993 to 2001 to the Philippine Academy of Physicians, Inc. April 4, 2002; (31) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for the invaluable support and being a resource person on the Season Long Training on Integrated Pests Management (IPM) on vegetables at Loo Polytechnic College, Buguias. February 7, 2001; (32) **Plaque of Recognition from the Office of the President, Philippine Sports Commission** – for continuously devoting his time, effort and support, resources in the development of different sports in Baguio City which highlighted the inclusion of 5 lady amateur boxers to the Philippine National Team. September 1, 2001; (33) **Plaque of Appreciation** – for sharing expertise on the ill effects of pesticides on health during the Punong Barangay Symposium in line with the Nutrition Month Celebration. July 6, 2001 by the City Government and the Baguio City Nutrition Council; (34) **Most Outstanding Citizen of Baguio- Millennium Award** – September 1, 200 City of Baguio Charter Day Celebration; (35) **Certificate of Recognition** – as resource person on Clean Technology and Waste Management at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, La Union – North Campus, Bacnotan, La Union. August, 2000; (36) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for invaluable services supportive to the conduct of Potato Leafminer Management Training for Municipal and Barangay Task Force, Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Training Institute- National Training Center (DA-ATI-NTC) Loo, Buguias, Benguet. May 19, 2000; (37) **Dr. Jose Rizal Award in Medicine, Philippine Medical Association** – This is the First Dr. Jose Rizal Award and the most recent was the one awarded by the Manila Times Last June 19, 2005 at the KAISA Heritage Center. Cebu City, May 18, 1999; (38) **Plaque of Recognition** – for being the resource person during the ANI-Network International Trainors' Training at Agricultural Training Institute- National Training Center (ATI-NTC) Benguet State University, December 11, 1999 by ANI-Luzon and Farming Organic Advocates; (39) **Certificate of Appreciation** – for invaluable pioneering contribution which serves as catalyst in the establishment of ANI-Network International and the attainment of its aim to uplift the life of the farmers through sustainable agriculture. December 22, 1999, Cebu City, Philippines; (40) **Plaque of Distinction** – Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) August 17, 1997, PICC, Manila; (41) **Most Outstanding Physician Awardee** – May 17, 1997. PICC, Manila. Philippine Federation of Private Medical Practitioners. (42) **Most Outstanding Physician** – PICC, Manila. May 25, 1995; (43) **Dr. Raul Rivas Memorial Award in Medicine** – Public health Category for the research: “ Silent Killer Among Women Farmers of Buguias and Kabayan: A Comparative Study.”; (44) **Dr. Raul Rivas Memorial Award in Medicine** – Public health Category for the research paper: “ Controlled Study on the Effects of Iodized Oil Capsule on Children With Iodine Deficiency Disorders in Kapangan and Their Academic Performance on Selected Subject Areas.” May 23, 1994, PICC, Manila;

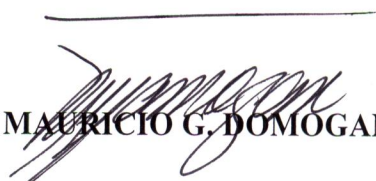


(45) **PMA-ABBOTT Research Award** – for the study “ Indigenous Belief, Attitudes and Practices of the People of Kapangan and Tuba, Benguet on Iodine Deficiency Disorders.” May 26, 1994, PICC, Manila. (46) **Everlasting Award for Health Research and Medicine** – Province of Benguet. June 18, 1993. (47) **PMA-ABBOTT Research Award** – for the research paper: A Clinical Investigation into the Effectiveness of Acupuncture on Various Diseases: A Philippine Experience. PMA. May 16, 1992, PICC, Manilal; (48) **PMA-CIBA \*GEIGY RESEARCH Award** – A Study on the Effects of Marijuana among the Youth. PICC, Manila. May 22, 1992; (49) **PMA-ABBOTT Research Award** – The Cordillerans: Earthquake Experience and their Psychological Sufferings: A Retrospective Study. PICC, Manila. May 24, 1991; (50) **Plaque of Appreciation** – Rotary Club of Baguio North Region 1 District 379. March 15 1985 for community service; (51) **Most Outstanding Physician** – Baguio City Government for Community Service. May 28, 1984; (52) **Special Service Award** – Population Commission (POPCOM) Region I, La Union, San Fernando. December 4, 1984; (53) **Plaque of Appreciation for meritorious service** – by the Women’s Auxiliary to the Philippine Medical Association. May 25, 1982. PICC, Manila. (54) **PMA-CIBA GEIGY Research Award** - A Study on Drug Abuse among the youth in Baguio and Benguet. May 22, 1982. PICC, Manila; (55) **Outstanding Private Medical Practitioner** – Federation of Private Medical Practitioners. Manila Hotel, July 6, 1982; (55) **Award of Service** – to the cause of MEDICARE Program from 1974 to 1979 from the Philippine Medicare Commission. September 20, 1980 and many more.

In line with the strategies to solve many of the many medico-social problems of the people of Northern Luzon, Dr. Cheng has accomplished five (5) major researches assigned to him by POPCOM Region I, DOST-PCHARD, DOH-CAR, and the Northern Luzon Research Council – researches that dealt on Population, Family Planning, Women’s Health in the CAR, and Iodine Deficiencies in the Highlands.

A Chinese by birth, he has throughout the years considered himself a Filipino. Imbued with an innate love for the people he has served and is still serving, he is more Filipino than many Filipinos. In his septuagenarian years, he would love that the Philippine Government grant him Philippine citizenship – a fitting gesture of thanks to a man from the very people he has willingly and lovingly served throughout the years.

In consideration of all the above, approval of this measure is respectfully sought.

  
MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN

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Introduced by **HON. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN**

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MEDICAL DOCTOR CHARLES L.**  
**CHENG.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Medical Doctor CHARLES L. CHENG is hereby granted Philippine Citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

Upon the taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Dr. Charles L. Cheng shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Approved,**