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HOUSE BILL No. 2711

Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE IMELDA CALIXTO-RUBIANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

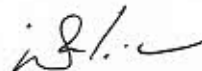
This bill seeks to include those parents aged fifty (50) years old to fifty nine (59) years old who are not covered as legal dependents of the members under the National Health Insurance Program administered by the government which is designed to help the people pay for their health care services.

The purpose of this bill is to widen the coverage of the program to expand the aid for those aged parents because there are members of the Program who are single and would like to make their parents as legal beneficiaries.

Although, our mandatory retirement age either in the private or public sector is 60 years of age, those members of the NHIP who are still single and were early to make a living would like to provide health care benefits and services to their parents under the automatic membership of the NHIP. A survey by the Department of Health showed that individuals belonging to poor families have a high degree of mortality since they cannot avail of the necessary health care services.

The primary concern of the Program should be able to uplift the plight of the poor, to make open and free health care service readily accessible. The Program should give the highest priority of coverage to those in need with the basic minimum package of health insurance benefits. This will surely address the country's health needs and problems.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.



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AN ACT

FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9241 ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL FILIPINOS AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE"

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 4 (f) of Republic Act No. 7875 as amended by
2 Republic No. 9241 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 **"SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.**-For the purpose of this
4 Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- 5 a) x x x
6 b) x x x
7 c) x x x
8 d) x x x
9 e) x x x

10 f) *Dependent* - The legal dependents of a member are:

- 11 (1) x x x
12 (2) x x x
13 (3) x x x
14 (4) the parents who are [sixty (60)] **FIFTY (50)** years old
15 or above whose monthly income is below an amount
16 to be determined by the Corporation in accordance
17 with the guiding principles set forth in Article I of this
18 Act.

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1 **Sec 2. Separability Clause.** - If any part or provision of this Act shall
2 be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected
3 thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

4 **Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive
5 orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the
6 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7 **Sec. 4 Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,