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House Bill No. 4544

Introduced by Representative **Carlo V. Lopez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of health of the people and instill health consciousness among them".

The Constitution mandates the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost, giving priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. (Art. 8, Sec. II).

This means that Congress has to enact a law to implement this mandate of the Constitution.

Many of the diseases that we contract in life could have been avoided if we are adequately educated on how to prevent them and protect ourselves from the causes of the diseases. Prevention is much more economical. If we get sick, it will be very costly from the moment of doctor consultations, laboratory examinations and dispensation of medicines which are very expensive today, not to mention the fact that if we are hospitalized, it will be tragic in terms of loss of time and money.

Getting sick, specially if it is serious, is physically and emotionally debilitating. It is also depressing and affects the outlook of the person.

The best way to prevent being sick is for us to be educated on how to avoid them.

The Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Health are in the best position to implement the aforestated Constitutional provisions.

Hence, I appeal to my colleagues to support this bill.



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AN ACT

INTEGRATING AS A SUBJECT DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY CURRICULA AS WELL AS IN THE NONFORMAL, INFORMAL AND INDIGENOUS LEARNING SYSTEMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be integrated in the intermediate and secondary curricula whether in public or private schools as well as in the nonformal, informal and indigenous learning programs a subject on disease prevention and control.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Health shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education may enlist the assistance of any government agency or instrumentality, the media as well as non-government organizations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

SECTION 4. All instructional materials needed by the public schools to teach the subject matter as provided under this Act shall be supplied by the Department of Education.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.