

1 Republic of the Philippines
2 **House of Representatives**
3 Quezon City, Metro Manila
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5 **FIFTEENTH CONGRESS**
6 Second Regular Session
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9 **HOUSE BILL NO. 5003**

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12 **Introduced by Honorable Kimi S. Cojuangco, Giorgidi B. Aggabao,**
13 **Napoleon S. Dy and Robert Raymund S. Estrella**
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17 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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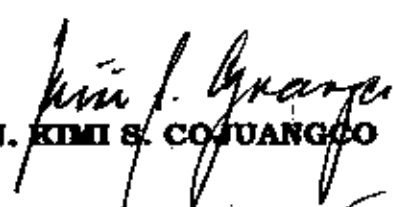
19 This bill seeks to provide compulsory coverage of all accredited barangay
20 health workers in the National Health Insurance Program amending for the
21 purpose Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the "*Barangay Health*
22 *Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995.*"
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24 Barangay health workers (BHWs) provide front-line health care services
25 in the communities they serve. They underwent training programs through
26 accredited government or non-governmental organizations to provide basic,
27 safe and effective health care services to the people in the barangays. In
28 health centers, BHWs assist and support government physicians, dentists,
29 nutritionists, public health nurses and midwives by providing a) first aid; b)
30 health care services; c) nutrition education, monitoring and feeding; d) family
31 planning services; and e) sanitation and hygiene promotion and education.
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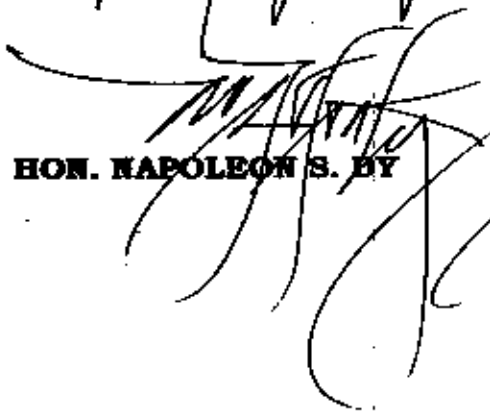
33 In rendering public service, these workers are exposed to conditions
34 which endanger their health or life. Sadly, the workers at present, receive an
35 average honorarium of only Two Hundred pesos (Php250.00) a month. Their
36 relentless efforts in providing health care to our barangay folks who could not
37 afford hospital fees are not sufficiently remunerated. They are underpaid and
38 not even provided with health insurance coverage.
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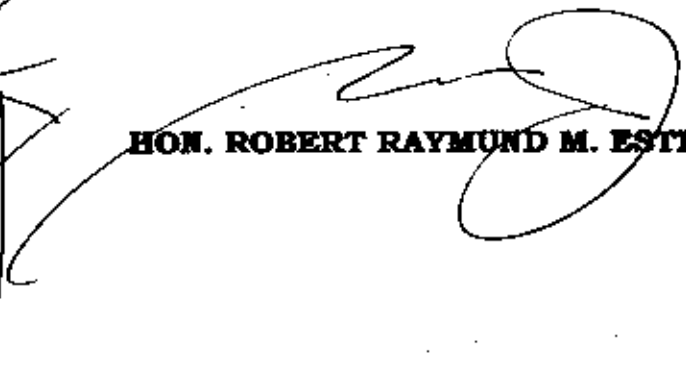
40 In recognition of their invaluable service as pillars of the nation's health
41 care delivery system, and for their dedication to duty and commitment to help
42 the people, this bill seeks to provide compulsory coverage of all accredited
43 barangay health workers in the National Health Insurance Program.
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1 In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill into law is highly
2 recommended.
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17 **AN ACT**
18 **PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY COVERAGE OF ALL**
19 **ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL**
20 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**
21 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BARANGAY**
22 **HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995"**

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24 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
25 *Congress assembled:*
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27 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 is hereby amended by
28 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

29 "Sec. 6. *Incentives and Benefits.* – In recognition of their
30 services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and
31 regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to the following
32 incentives and benefits:

33 a) x x x

34 **G) PHILHEALTH COMPULSORY COVERAGE. – ALL**
35 **BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS**
36 **SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL**
37 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO GIVE THEM**

1 ADEQUATE PERSONAL HEALTH CARE WHICH SHALL NOT
2 BE LIMITED TO IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL CARE, OUT-
3 PATIENT CARE, EMERGENCY AND TRANSFER SERVICES,
4 AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY PACKAGES OR HEALTH
5 INSURANCE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE PHILIPPINE
6 HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC).

7 THE REQUIRED PREMIUMS AND STANDARD
8 MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BARANGAY HEALTH
9 WORKER SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY
10 WHERE THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER IS ASSIGNED:
11 *PROVIDED*, THAT IN THE CASE OF FOURTH, FIFTH AND
12 SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITY, THE NATIONAL
13 GOVERNMENT SHALL SUBSIDIZE FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF
14 THE CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PROGRAM."

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16 SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and
17 other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent
18 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
19 accordingly.

20 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
21 *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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