

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

SIXTEENTH (16th) CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **1334**



Introduced by ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As of March, 2013, the World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated that there are about 347 Million people world wide who are afflicted with diabetes.

It is likewise estimated that there are about more than 3.4 million people died from the said illness and about 80% of these deaths occurs in low- and middle-income countries such as the Philippines.

WHO likewise projects that diabetes will be the 7th leading cause of death in 2030.

In the Philippines alone, it is estimated there are about more than 3.4. million diabetes cases and more than 5,000 deaths occur each year due to various illnesses and/or complications brought by diabetes such as blindness, heart and blood vessel disease, kidney failure, amputation of limbs, nerve damage, and stroke.

However, the onset of diabetes could be minimized by healthy diet, regular physical activity, maintenance of a normal body weight and avoiding tobacco use.

This bill pursues to help contribute in the promotion awareness of healthy diet and normal body weight by supporting the needs of persons afflicted with diabetes.

It is for the foregoing reasons that the approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


ERIC L. OLIVAREZ
Representative
1st District, Paranaque City

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

SIXTEENTH (16th) CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 1334

Introduced by ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

AN ACT

SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF PERSONS AFFLICTED WITH DIABETES BY REQUIRING ALL RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS, SUPERMARKETS, BAKERIES, CONFECTIONARIES, FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER SIMILAR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO (2) KINDS OF AFFORDABLE FOOD ITEMS, BEVERAGES, CAKES, PASTRIES, CANDIES, ICE CREAM AND OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS ABSOLUTELY FREE FROM SUGAR AND ANY OF ITS DERIVATIVES.

Section 1. This Act shall be known as "The Diabetic Act of 2013".

Section 2. All restaurants, coffee shops, supermarkets, bakeries, confectionaries, food and beverage manufacturers and other similar food establishments shall provide to their customers, clients and buyers affordable food items, beverages, cakes, pastries, candies, ice cream and other food products absolutely free from sugar and any of its derivatives.

Section 3. All restaurants, coffee shops, and bakeries shall always have at least two (2) ready food and beverage items that are suitable for healthy diets of diabetics. Upon learning that any of their customers is a diabetic, they shall immediately inform and offer these alternative food and beverage items for their optional consumption.

Section 4. All the establishments mentioned in this act shall likewise provide separate shelves or containers for the

sugar free food and beverage items that must be conspicuously seen by their customers and buyers.

Section 5. Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be imposed a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00.).

Section 6. The Department of Health shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective and immediate implementation of this Act. The local government units shall assist in the implementation and dissemination of information to the public about this Act.

Section 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 8. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.