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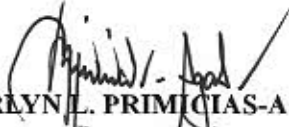
EXPLANATORY NOTE

First aid is the initial care provided to a patient during medical emergencies. And that initial care always comes not from the doctor or even the nurse, but from the people around the community. First aid is being taught only in few secondary schools in the country and also some of these schools don't take first aid training courses seriously, because (1) instructions are not monitored by experts and government representatives, and (2) instructors are not competent enough to teach first aid.

We have recently become silent and shocked witnesses to the many flood victims in Northern & Central Luzon, road accident victims in Metro Manila & Southern Luzon Area, earthquake and landslide victims in the Visayas, and thousands of victims from the war between government troops and rebels in Mindanao. Most of these citizens could have survived death if the people around them knew how to perform first aid.

The legislative measure shall concentrate on the establishment, improvement, or development of a Basic First Aid Elective in secondary schools in the country.

The immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DEVELOPING A BASIC FIRST AID ELECTIVE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS
IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the "First Aid Act of 2013."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – Section 5, Article II of the Philippine Constitution states that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy."

SEC. 3. *Basic First Aid Module* – The outline of the module shall be as follows:

- (1) Introduction to First Aid
 - a. Definition
 - b. Characteristics of a Good First Aider
 - c. Emergency Action Principles (EAP)
- (2) Soft Tissue Injuries
 - a. Managing Shock
 - b. Identifying Internal Bleeding
 - c. Amputation
 - d. Impaled Object
 - e. Open Chest Injury
 - f. Open Abdominal Injury
- (3) Muscle and Bone Injuries
 - a. Head, Neck or Back Injury
 - b. Spinal Cord Injury
 - c. Brain Injury
 - d. Bones, Muscles, and Joint Injuries

- d.i. Splinting
- (4) Facial Injuries
 - a. Impaled Object in the Eye
 - a.i. Small Objects
 - a.ii. Large Objects
 - b. Chemicals in the Eye
 - c. Nosebleed
 - d. Injured Tooth
 - e. Knocked Out Tooth
- (5) Burns
 - a. Minor Burns
 - b. Critical Burns

SEC. 4. *First Aid Instructors* – Instructors shall be, if not from the faculty training under the module given by the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), from the Philippine Red Cross or from the Department of Health.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Agency* – The Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the respective local government units shall ensure implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations or part thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause* – Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by any court of law, the pertinent provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,