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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Health Workers, for the most part, engage in voluntary service in looking after the wellness of the people in the community. They go beyond the call of their sworn duties and sincerely minister to the sick and offer their caring hands to ensure that barangay folks who have less in life would have more in humanitarian service.

But these health workers are as much human beings as those to whom they render service. And they are not immune to common diseases. Truth is, they are, ironically, at higher risk of contracting communicable diseases and they barely have anything to fend themselves against contagious diseases prevalent in their work places.

Thus, if only to mitigate the plight of barangay health workers, free Philhealth coverage is hereby proposed on their behalf. There has to be a form of reward honoring their dedication to public service and free health coverage would be an apt and fitting incentive to give back to these admirable barangay health workers.

Thus, under this bill, every barangay health worker is granted free Philhealth coverage.

The immediate passage of this measure is sought for.

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AN ACT
GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Philhealth Coverage for Barangay Health Workers Act of 2014".

SEC. 2. Under this Act, barangay health worker is hereby granted free Philhealth coverage.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,