



**16TH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**House of Representatives
HOUSE BILL NO. 4003**

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE GUS S. TAMBUNTING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This piece of legislation seeks to provide a subsidy for the immunization requirements of dependents of state workers. Estimated 1.4 million state workers are receiving compensation based on the Salary Standardization Law that is barely meeting the needs of the family. Needless to say, the State fund has its metes and bounds strung with stringent laces.

This bill shall be known as the 'Subsidy Insurance Coverage of Childhood Immunization Act of 2014.'

Traditional Vaccines (Routine Immunization) such as BCG, DPT, Oral Polio Vaccines, Measles, Tetanus Toxoid and Hepatitis B given to all infants 0-11 months nationwide by the state health centers as part of the National Immunization Program of the DOH is inadequate to safeguard the health and well being of our children thus, creating a degenerating population.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that Hemophilus influenza Type B (Hib) vaccine be included in the national immunization program. It is expected to prevent 4% of global deaths of under five children. Introduction will have added benefit of preventing the occurrence of H. influenza meningitis and other invasive Hib diseases and approximately 30% of all pneumonia. Another equally important vaccine is Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).

The National Center for Disease Prevention and Control concurred with the recommendation of the WHO and is lobbying for the inclusion of the new vaccines and implementation of the Expanded Program of Immunizations.

The DOH is targeting a population of 2,490,118 with the following new vaccines for introduction, namely MMR, DPT-HEPB-HIB and Td/DT.

Taking into consideration the limited resources of the national budget and the relative insufficient budget allocation to the DOH, funding will be sourced from the proceeds of the Reformed Value Added Tax provision on health services.

More so, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Likewise, the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

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AN ACT
CREATING THE "SUBSIDY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDHOOD
IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2014 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as "Subsidy Insurance Coverage of Childhood Immunization Act of 2014."

Sec.2. Coverage. All government employees regardless of status shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

Sec.3. Comprehensive Coverage - For purposes of this section, the comprehensive coverage for childhood immunization shall cover the new vaccines in accordance with the most recent recommendation of the DOH for each child age 0 to 11 months who is a dependent of a participant or beneficiary under the "Subsidy Insurance Coverage of Childhood Immunization Act of 2009

Sec.4. Funding. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under RA 9337 otherwise known as the Reformed Value Added Tax.

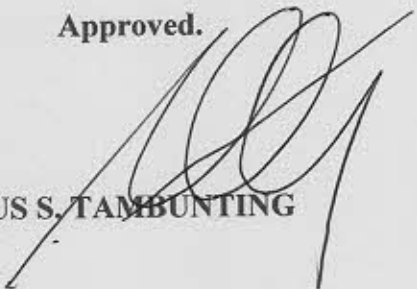
Sec.5. Coordination of Administration; Lead Implementing Agency- The DOH shall be the lead implementing agency under the provisions of this Act. Coordination of policies relating to the implementation shall be through Secretaries in order to expedite requirements and coordinated implementation that will avoid duplication of implementation efforts and assigns priorities in implementation.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Civil Service Commission, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) other

appropriate government agencies shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec .7. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.



GUS S. TAMBUNTING