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House Bill No. **5373**

Introduced by: Representatives Jose L. Atienza, Jr., Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Jonathan A. Dela Cruz, Aleta C. Suarez, Victor F. Ortega, Philip A. Pichay, Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo, Lani Mercado-Revilla

EXPLANATORY NOTE

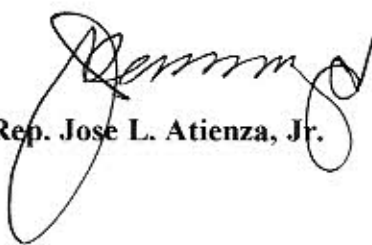
This bill seeks to repeal Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as “The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012” or the RH Law.

RH Law advocates consider our growing population as a burden and the cause of poverty in our country. They are conveniently forgetting the fact that it is our growing population of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their billions of dollars in remittances that is keeping our country’s economy afloat.

No less than His Holiness, Pope Francis has admonished and reminded us during his recent “Meeting with Families” to “protect your families! See in them your country’s greatest treasure....Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death”. He likewise criticized rich countries and international organizations for what he called “ideological colonization” aimed at attacking traditional family values in developing countries and influencing lifestyles and morals of young people.

We should be reinforcing the positive Filipino values in our children. Instead of teaching them to use contraceptives and to look at pregnancy as a disease and a burden, we should be promoting responsible parenthood and the culture of life. Instead of allocating billions of pesos to buy condoms and contraceptives in implementing the RH Law, these funds should be put to better use in providing genuine health services for the millions of poor Filipinos.

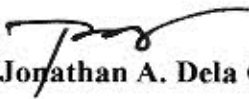
The problem of severe poverty affecting a great number of Filipino families should be addressed positively by government instead of giving them massive doses of anti-life programs that would only destroy the country's future.



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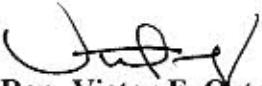


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AN ACT
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT 10354 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS RESPONSIBLE
PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2012

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that Republic Act otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, rules, regulations, executive orders and others inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.