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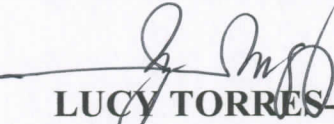
On July 17, 2016, the bill entitled "An Act Requiring Basic Education Students To Undergo Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training" lapsed into law and became known as Republic Act No. 10871.

Notwithstanding the said law's highly laudable objectives, there is no reason however to limit its coverage to schools only and to basic education to boot. Students in higher education and employees in the workplace, who would otherwise be excluded from the law's coverage, need also to be trained in the life-saving skills of CPR.

It is a known fact that the first 4-6 minutes are very critical for those who are having a heart attack or have drowned for not being resuscitated right away. What happens next during those brief precious moments could spell the difference between life and death, but more often than not, however, trained medical workers are not always available to render emergency / first aid procedures. All that the victims have, in the immediate vicinity, are their fellow students and workers.

It is for these compelling reasons that this proposed measures seeks to expand the coverage of R. A. No. 10871 so as to include schools at all levels, both private and public, as well as the workplaces, in the government and in the private sector.

The early approval of this bill is therefore earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10871, ENTITLED “AN ACT
REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING”,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Expanded CPR Training in Schools and in the Workplace Act.”

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10871, otherwise known as the “CPR Training in Schools Act”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. *Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction*
IN SCHOOLS AND IN THE WORKPLACE [*for Basic Education Students*]. – It shall be the duty of SCHOOLS AT ALL LEVELS NATIONWIDE, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE [public and private basic education schools operating nationwide], AND WORKPLACES, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE, to provide their students AND WORKERS with one (1) or more training sessions in

cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) though the use of psychomotor training in an age-appropriate manner. The CPR instruction shall include programs which have been developed by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) or by the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) using nationally-recognized, evidence-based guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care, and psychomotor training to support the instruction. As far as practicable, schools and workplaces shall incorporate the CPR training as part of the schools' comprehensive health and physical education curriculum and the workers' handbook or manual, respectively.

“As used in this Act, psychomotor training refers to hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.”

SEC. 3. Sec. 4 of R. A. No. 10871 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. *CPR Training as Prerequisite for Graduation.* – Every student in the primary, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY [and secondary] levels shall be required to undergo at least one (1) CPR training session as requirement for graduation. All successful student-trainees shall be certified to have undergone the training required by a competent school authority.”

SEC. 4. Sec. 5 of RA 10871 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. *Training Providers.* – The school ADMINISTRATION AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORKPLACES [principal or administrator] shall

coordinate with the Department of Health for its assistance in providing competent instructors for the school [school's] AND THE WORKPLACE'S CPR training program. The school [principal or] administrator AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WORKPLACE shall ensure that instructors for CPR shall be utilized as trainors only if the instruction is intended to lead to a certification for students AND WORKERS.

“School [principals or] administrators AND MANAGERS OF THE WORKPLACES are encouraged to accept competent CPR instructors from nongovernment organizations (NGOs) who are offering their services for free.”

SEC. 5. Sec. 6 of RA 10871 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. *Exception.* – Students AND WORKERS suffering from any physical or mental disability which may render them unable to perform a CPR procedure are exempted from going through the CPR training program.”

SEC. 6. Sec. 7 of RA 10871 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), AND THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.”

SEC. 7. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the national budget and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act as part of the budget of the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Labor and Employment accordingly.

SEC. 8. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 9. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Anso", written over a horizontal line.