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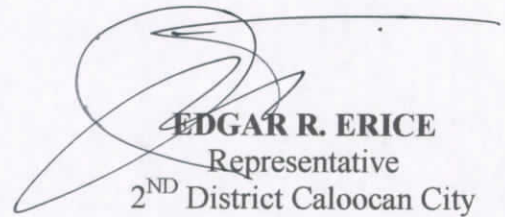
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to a projection of the PSA done in 2010, released July 28, 2014, by the year 2045, the Philippine population is projected to increase to 142 million. Around 50 million people would be added in a span of 35 years. This increase in numbers would take place even if the average annual growth rate is projected to decline significantly, from 1.73 percent during the year of 2010 to 2015 to 0.65 percent during 2040 to 2045. The Commission on Population (POPCOM) revealed that the Philippine population by December 31, 2017 would be 105 to 106 million.

The bill seeks to amend Section 14-A of RA 1161 by reducing the number of children covered by the stated Acts. In the pursuit of obtaining a sustainable and ecologically balanced environment the Philippines needs to drastically reduce its population growth to a sustainable level which can be properly supported by Philippine territories.

To these ends the Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 14-A, OF REPUBLIC ACT 1161 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY LAW" AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7322.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14-A of Republic Act No. 1161, known as the "Social Security Law" as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

A covered female employee who has paid at least three monthly maternity contributions in the twelve – month period preceding the semester of her childbirth, abortion or miscarriage and who is currently employed shall be paid a daily maternity benefit equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of her present basic salary, allowances and other benefits or the cash equivalent of such benefits for [sixty (60)] **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120)** days subject to the following conditions:

“(e) That the maternity leave benefits provided under this Section shall be paid only for the first [four] **THREE (3)** deliveries.

SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* - If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provisions of this act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,