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EXPLANATORY NOTE

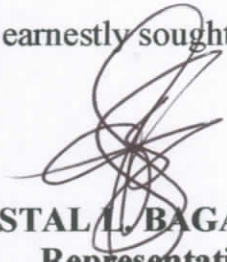
Article II Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

RA 10152 covers the mandatory basic immunization for all infants.

This bill seeks to remove in the list the power of the Secretary to add in the list which in his/her wisdom that a certain vaccine be administered to infants and children. This power should be decided in Congress. Experience shows in the Dengue Controversy that the decision making should not be left to one person.

Hence the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. Repealing the Discretion of the Secretary of Health to Augment the List of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Mandatory Basic Immunization Program. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10152 otherwise known as the “Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 3. Coverage – The mandatory basic immunization for all infants and children provided under this Act shall cover the following vaccine-preventable diseases.

- (a) Tuberculosis;
- (b) Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
- (c) Poliomyelitis;
- (d) Measles;
- (e) Mumps;
- (f) Rubella or German measles;
- (g) Hepatitis B; **AND**
- (h) H Influenza type B (HIB). [; and]
- [i) Such other types as maybe determined by the Secretary of Health in a department Circular,] x x x

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved