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HOUSE BILL NO. 7969

Introduced by: **"KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization released a report that the dengue vaccine Dengvaxia that was administered to around 800,000 children were reportedly to be ineffective or may be even detrimental to the health of the recipient of the vaccine. It may also increase the risk of those who are seronegative, or those who have not yet been infected with dengue, at the time of first vaccination.

There were numerous cases of death that were reported through-out the country involving this vaccine as the culprit of the victim's death. Continuous investigation are currently made in order to determine whether the vaccine was really the proximate cause of their death since the common denominator for all of them is that they were the recipient of such vaccine.

The Government through the department of Health ordered the suspension of the vaccination and refund the amount of Php 1.16 billion covering the unused vials of Dengvaxia vaccines.

This bill seeks to appropriate the said refunded amount to support the victims of the deadly vaccine and provide them medical assistance for hospitalization, medical kits, out-patient services, laboratory tests, and other related healthcare support.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this supplemental budget is earnestly sought.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE
MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000) AS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Appropriations. – The sum of One Billion One Hundred Sixty One Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos (P1,161,710,000) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, as supplemental appropriations for the FY 2018 Budget.

SECTION 2. Assistance to Dengvaxia Vaccinees. The sum of One Billion One Hundred Sixty One Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos (P1,161,710,000) is hereby appropriated to fund the assistance to the Dengvaxia vaccinees, which amount shall be used exclusively for the following activities and/or projects, namely: (a) Human Resource for Health (HRH) Deployment; (b) Public Health Management; and (c) Assistance to Indigent Patients either Confined or Out-Patient in Government Hospitals/ Specialty Hospitals / LGU Hospitals / Philippine General Hospital / West Visayas State University Hospital.

SECTION 3. Use and Release of Funds. - The amount appropriated shall be released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to the Department of Health (DOH) in accordance with budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations. The DOH shall issue the guidelines necessary for the proper implementation of the foregoing activities and/or projects for the benefit of Dengvaxia vaccinees.

SECTION 4. Applicability of General and Special Provisions in the FY 2018 General Appropriations Act. - The amounts herein appropriated shall be used for the purposes indicated and subject to the relevant special and general provisions under Republic Act 10964 or the FY 2018 GAA.

SECTION 5. Availability of Appropriations. – The appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purposes specified from the date of the effectivity of this Act until December 31, 2018.

SECTION 6. Transparency Provisions. - The DOH shall ensure that the details of activities and/or projects are included as part of the information posted on their transparency seals required under Section 99 of the General Provisions under Republic Act 10964 or the FY 2018 GAA.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication.

Approved,

