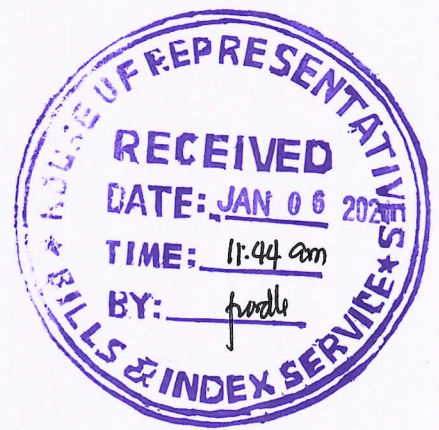


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The year 2020 has brought about numerous unexpected events including natural disasters but more prominently, the covid-19 pandemic that has greatly affected the financial stability of our fellow Filipinos. The economic disruption brought about by the global lockdowns have resulted in many of our countrymen losing a significant amount, if not most, of their income.

The passage of Bayanihan Acts 1 and 2 were intended to provide partial economic relief and assistance to those greatly affected by this historic crisis. However, as we struggled to look for ways to recover and augment the ordinary Filipino's income, we have overlooked the need to reduce their burden as the increase in PhilHealth contributions as mandated by the Universal Health Care Act remained in effect.

Coupled with the difficulties posed by the pandemic, public confidence in the agency has slumped to an all-time low with news of corruption and fraud allegedly orchestrated by the corporation's senior officers no less, erupting in the midst of the nationwide quarantine.

As investigations into this alleged misuse of funds persist and remain to be unresolved, it is highly unfair to directly lodge the weight of financing the PhilHealth upon its members while those who unjustly benefitted from corrupt schemes in the organization have yet to be held accountable.

This bill seeks to remedy that by deferring any PhilHealth contribution rate hike for the fiscal year 2021. As this is mandated by the Universal Health Care Act, this bill proposes to amend Section 10 of the same while appropriating the necessary funds to sustain the funding gap that it will create for PhilHealth. This, as we acknowledge that controversies notwithstanding, many Filipinos rely on the continued implementation of the expanded programs of PhilHealth.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
SUSPENDING THE INCREASE IN PHILHEALTH CONTRIBUTION RATES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223,
ENTITLED, “AN ACT INSTITUTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL
FILIPINOS, PRESCRIBING REFORMS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

Section 1. *Amendment.* Sec. 10 of Republic Act No 11223, entitled, “An Act Instituting Universal Health Care for all Filipinos, Prescribing Reforms in the Health Care System, and Appropriating Funds Therefor,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Premium Contributions. - For direct contributors, premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and monthly income floor and ceiling:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Premium Rate</i>	<i>Income Floor</i>	<i>Income Ceiling</i>
2019	2.75%	₱10,000.00	₱50,000.00
2020	3.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱60,000.00
2022	4.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱80,000.00
2023	4.50 %	₱10,000.00	₱90,000.00
2024	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00
2025	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00

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Sec. 2. *Appropriations.* Where the shortfall in contributions collected by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation for the current year cannot be sufficiently covered by the corporation’s reserve funds, the necessary amount shall be charged against the current budget of the Department of Health.

Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,