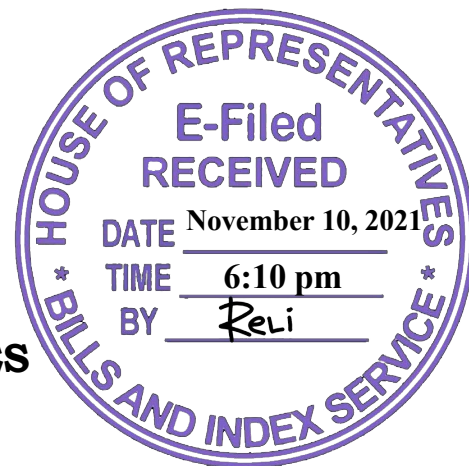




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10473

Introduced by Representative Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide cash incentive benefits to the members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation who paid monthly premium contributions of not less than one hundred twenty (120) months but have not availed of the benefits during the paying period, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7875, otherwise known as the “*National Health Insurance Act of 1995*,” as amended.

It is enshrined in Section 1, Rule V of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 6713 otherwise known as the “*Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees*” to grant incentives and rewards for officials and employees in the government who demonstrated the following: (a) Commitment to public interest; (b) Professionalism; (c) Justness and sincerity; (d) Political neutrality; (e) Responsiveness to the public; (f) Nationalism and patriotism; (g) Commitment to democracy; and (h) Simple living.

Likewise, Section 15, Article II 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.*”

There are also laws that grant privileges to certain groups of persons such as Republic Act No. 9994, entitled “*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010*” that provide additional benefits in the amount One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Filipino centenarians; Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the “*National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act*,” which grants discount incentives to national athletes and coaches and a lump sum benefit of Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) to cover their funeral expenses, and Republic Act No. 9049 which grants lifetime monthly gratuity of Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) to an awardee of a medal of valor. This gratuity is separate and distinct from any salary or pension which the awardee receives from the government of the Philippines.

In line with this, the government should also acknowledge individuals, workers, or employees in the government or in the private sector, who in their prime years and until their retirement have continuously paid their PhilHealth premium contributions without availing its benefits and privileges. These paying members have contributed to PhilHealth, and their contributions have benefited or helped others who cannot afford medical care. To acknowledge their contributions, this proposed measure provides incentive to these members who paid premium contributions of not less than one hundred (120) months.

This will encourage PhilHealth members to live a healthy lifestyle and to religiously pay their PhilHealth contributions that will surely redound to the benefit of the Filipino people.

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


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Second Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 10473

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AN ACT
GRANTING CASH INCENTIVE BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
(PHILHEALTH) WHO HAVE PAID MONTHLY PREMIUM
CONTRIBUTIONS OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED
TWENTY (120) MONTHS BUT HAVE NOT AVAILED OF THE
BENEFITS DURING THE PAYING PERIOD, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7875, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF
1995,” AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. A new section denominated as Section 12-A is
hereby inserted after Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7875,
otherwise known as the “*National Health Insurance Act of 1995*,”
as amended, to read as follows:

“SEC. 12-A. **MEMBERS CASH INCENTIVE**
BENEFITS. – THERE SHALL BE CASH INCENTIVE
BENEFITS FOR PHILHEALTH MEMBERS WHO HAVE

PAID MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) MONTHS: *PROVIDED*, THAT DURING THE PAYING PERIOD, THESE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE NOT AVAILED OF THE PHILHEALTH BENEFITS PACKAGE PROVIDED IN SECTION 10 OF THIS ACT. THE AMOUNT OF INCENTIVE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

LENGTH OF CONTRIBUTION	CASH BENEFIT (IN PESOS)
TWENTY (20) YEARS OR MORE	THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00)
FIFTEEN (15) YEARS TO BELOW TWENTY (20) YEARS	TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00)
TEN (10) YEARS TO BELOW FIFTEEN (15) YEARS	TEN THOUSAND PESOS (10,000.00)

“THE CASH INCENTIVE BENEFIT SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE MEMBERS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF 60, OR UPON SEPARATION, OR RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

“THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CASH INCENTIVE BENEFITS SHALL BE

1 PROVIDED BY PHILHEALTH.

2 “RECEIVING THE CASH INCENTIVE BENEFIT
3 UNDER THIS ACT SHALL NOT BAR THE MEMBERS OF
4 PHILHEALTH AND THEIR DESIGNATED DEPENDENTS
5 TO AVAIL OF THE BENEFITS UNDER RA 7875 AFTER
6 THE RECEIPT OF THE CASH INCENTIVE BENEFIT.”

7 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
9 circulation.

10 Approved,