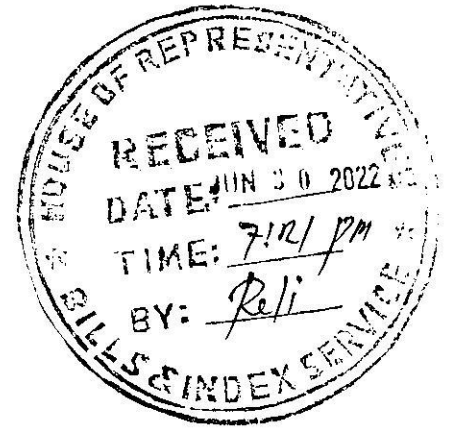


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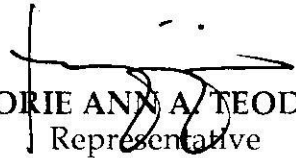
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) to all qualified public school teachers employed in accredited public educational institutions nationwide.

Our educators have the biggest role in nation-building as they are the driver of our educational system. They are given a worldwide responsibility and role to rear our children as they impart their knowledge to them in the hopes of one day contributing to the development of our country. It is through their teachings that we can simplify complex problems which allows us to solve real-world problems, as well as influence our social interaction with one another. Without our educators, we wouldn't technically be what we are today – entrepreneurs, policy makers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, professors, bankers, artists, among others.

Unfortunately, our educators do not receive enough salary to cover majority of their expenses, let alone their medical needs. The provision of a HMO to our public school teachers will be beneficial to them, especially now that the Department of Education is slowly opening all educational institutions to face-to-face classes in spite of the existence of the infectious coronavirus. As much as we value our education, our educators must be guaranteed not just protection against this disease but a chance to tap into their health coverage in case of infection in the course of their work. Although, of course, our goal here is to ensure access to healthcare for our educators for ALL health conditions.

I believe that this will further empower our educators knowing that the State continues to expand their needs and protect them from all kinds of injustices, thus, in view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (HMO) FOR ALL
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “HMO for All Public School Teachers Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to recognize the role of educators in nation-building as they are given the responsibility and role to rear our children for the development of the country, as well as adopt a comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost as our right to health is embedded in our Constitution.

SEC. 3. Scope of Implementation – All qualified public school teachers in all levels shall be provided with a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for both dental and medical coverages as part of their employment benefits: *Provided*, That the qualified public school teacher has been employed for at least six (6) months in an accredited public educational institution; *Provided further*, That the scope of implementation under this Act shall be regulated and managed by the Department of Education to ensure proper compliance of all public educational institutions.

SEC. 4. Implementing Agencies. – The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Finance (DOF), in coordination with the Insurance Commission shall lead in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budgets of the DepEd and DOF. Thereafter, such sums necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Finance and Insurance Commission, in consultation with other government agencies shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. - All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

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

Approved,