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House Bill No. **3036**



Introduced by **HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On November 28, 2014, while stretching during a PBA Legends exhibition game in Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig, PBA player Samboy Lim collapsed (“Lim”). Lim starred for the Letran Knights and the Northern Consolidated Cement national team before joining San Miguel Beer in the PBA in 1986. He was known as the “Skywalker” for his high-flying ability and acrobatic moves. He was named as one of the league’s 25 Greatest Players List during the PBA’s Silver Anniversary in 2000 and was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1999.

After he collapsed, he was reportedly unconscious for twenty-three (23) minutes before reaching the hospital, where he slipped into a coma. Had the medical support team present in the venue know of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the probability of Lim slipping into coma might have been dramatically reduced.

In honor of Lim, Republic Act No. 10871, authored by Rep. Joseller “Yeng” M. Guiao, was drafted and lapsed into law on July 17, 2016. The law, known as the “Samboy Lim Law” and the “Basic Life Support Training in Schools Act”, mandates both private and public schools to provide their students with basic life support training through the use of psychomotor training.

Cardiac arrest is an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and disrupts the flow of blood to the brain, lungs and other organs – is a leading cause of death in the Philippines.¹

When a person has a cardiac arrest, survival depends on immediately getting CPR from someone nearby. Almost 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. CPR, especially if performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person’s chance of survival.

¹ Health Profile: Philippines, available at <http://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/country-health-profile/philippines> [last accessed on 06 March 2017].

Republic Act No. 10871 paved way for a CPR-ready Philippines. It is because of this that this bill proposes to declare July 17 of every year as a non-working holiday to allow the celebration of saving lives through CPR and CPR training in a truly meaningful way.

Approval of the bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL CARDIOPULMONARY
RESUSCITATION DAY’

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The seventeenth day of July of every year is hereby declared as a
2 non-working special holiday to be known as the ‘National CPR Day’.

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4 **SECTION 2.** To ensure meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared,
5 all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-
6 owned and controlled corporations as well as local government units, and
7 employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and
8 opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity
9 conducted within the premises of their respective offices or establishments to
10 celebrate National CPR Day.

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12 **SECTION 3.** Further, all government agencies at all levels, including attached
13 agencies and Local Government Units, and government-owned and controlled
14 corporations, through their Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Persons, shall
15 prepare and implement a program in the observance of the National CPR Day on
16 July 17 of every year, commemorating the increase in the saving of lives through
17 CPR.

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19 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect two (2) days following its publication in at
20 least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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23 *Approved,*