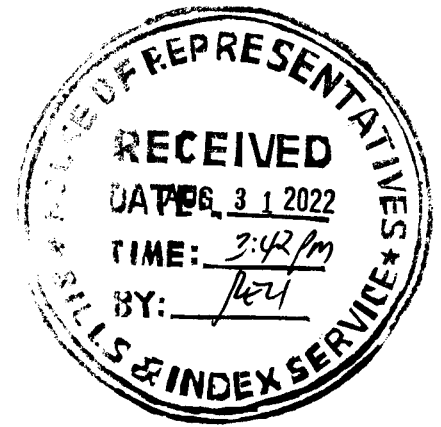


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The passage of the Universal Health Care Act was a monumental step in health care as it has ensured that all Filipinos are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program.

Despite additional funding from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Sin Tax Reform Law, and the allocated budget for the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), there still exists a budget deficit that hinders the full implementation of the law and limits access to the benefits provided therefrom. Health spending in the past years has risen due to the pandemic, but its share in the national budget has considerably dipped.

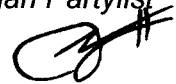
The World Bank estimates that the Philippines records the highest share of household expenditure for health in its region at 45 percent. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) estimates that more than half of all medical expenditures of Filipinos are still paid largely out of pocket, with medicine holding up most of these expenses.

At the moment, around 36 million Filipinos and their dependents fall under the classification of indirect or non-contributory members. These members, mostly comprised of indigent Filipinos and senior citizens, are dependent on direct contributions from other members and subsidies from the government. Despite making up only 37 percent of all members, they account for 45 percent of claims payment.

It is the hope of this representation that the passage of this bill into law bridges the gap in expenditure that would allow PhilHealth to extend its services and make the benefits provided for by law more accessible to all Filipinos, particularly those who are dependent on government subsidies for their continuing health care.

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

  
**RAY FLORENCE REYES**  
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**AN ACT ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 309, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 392 S.1950, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 420 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 3 of Presidential Decree 420 is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. *Aims and Objectives* – X X X

- a. X X X
- b. X X X
- c. X X X

- d. To ENGAGE, PARTICIPATE, AND CONTRIBUTE IN HEALTH AND WELFARE RELATED INVESTMENTS, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES, BY ITSELF OR IN COLLABORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR JOINT VENTURE WITH ANY PERSON, ASSOCIATION, COMPANY, OR ENTITY, WHETHER DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT AND CONTINUING SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR FUTURE ITERATION: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH INVESTMENTS WILL NOT COMPETE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AREAS WHERE INVESTMENTS ARE ADEQUATE, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.”

**SECTION 2.** Insert a new section after Section 11 to Presidential Decree 420 to read as follows:

**SECTION 12. ALLOCATION OF GROSS RECEIPTS IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH RELATED INVESTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES.** FIFTEEN (15%) PERCENT OF THE GROSS SALES FROM EVERY RACE WILL BE SET ASIDE AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR FUTURE ITERATION AS FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT.

**SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*