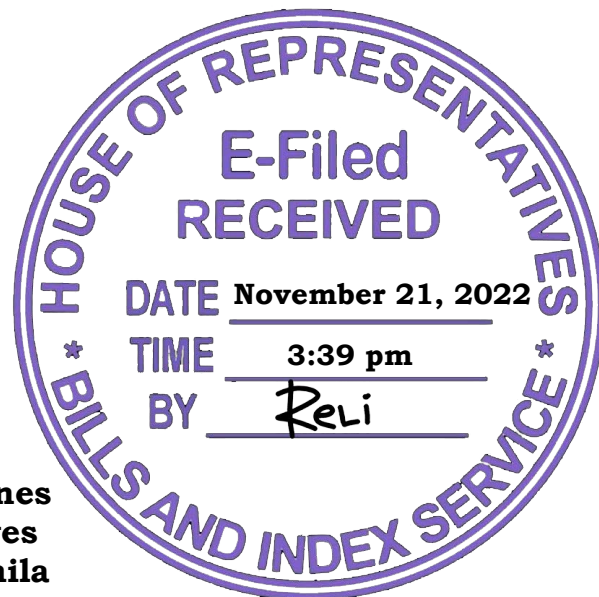




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill affirms the duty of the State to support and promote the right to health by enhancing programs that focus on preventive and curative medicine that advance the health and well-being of Filipinos and prevent disease, disability, and death.

To achieve the above-stated goal, this bill mandates and empowers the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) mandated under Republic Act No.11223, or the "Universal Health Care Law," to provide free annual medical check-ups to all members of the public. The coverage will include blood sugar, cholesterol, and laboratory and diagnostic tests.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR FILIPINOS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Free Annual
3 Medical Check-Up Act."

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5 **SEC. 2.** Declaration of Principle. - It is the policy of the State to support
6 and promote the right to health by enhancing programs which focus on
7 preventive and curative medicine that advance the health and well-being of
8 Filipinos and prevent disease, disability, and death. Pursuant thereto, Filipinos
9 shall be entitled to an annual medical check-up that is free of charge in any
10 government hospital and institution.

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12 **SEC. 3.** Coverage. - All Filipino Citizens, by virtue of their membership in
13 the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) mandated under
14 Republic Act No. 11223, or the "Universal Health Care Law", shall be entitled to
15 the applicable benefits under the Philippine Health Insurance Program.
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1 Members shall be entitled to a free annual medical check-up that shall
2 include blood sugar and cholesterol tests. Laboratory and diagnostic tests shall
3 be expanded, subject to the availability of PhilHealth funds.
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5 **SEC. 4.** Schedule of Free Medical Check-Up. - To promote health, identify
6 risks, and ensure early diagnosis, PhilHealth shall establish a system that allows
7 access to a free annual medical check-up and ensure that Filipinos shall be
8 accorded the quality health care services that they deserve.
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10 **SEC. 5.** Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement this Act
11 shall be charged against the PhilHealth funds.
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13 **SEC. 6.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Department of
14 Health shall, in coordination with PhilHealth, promulgate the necessary rules
15 and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act not later than ninety
16 (90) days from its effectivity.
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18 **SEC. 7.** Separability Clause. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in
20 full force and effect.
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22 **SEC. 8.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules
23 and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
24 accordingly.
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26 **SEC. 9.** Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 Approved,