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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On May 7, 2023, the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council reiterated the need for the enactment of the priority bills advocated by the Marcos administration. These measures are instrumental for the socio-economic advancement of the Filipino nation.

Among these bills is the Amendment to the Universal Health Care Act (RA 11223). Such measure seeks to correct an unintended consequence brought about by the noble undertaking of universal health care. Though RA 11223 created a common fund paid by Filipinos which allows closer access to medical and hospital facilities for those in need, present circumstances make it iniquitous to impose the new rates of Philhealth contributions.

The recent pandemic has placed the Filipino people in much uncertainty and it is only now that the nation is able to slowly bounce back from the economic slowdown. The increase of contribution is thus rather untimely and requires revisiting.

The approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”

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

Section 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. *Entitlement to Benefits.* – Every member shall be granted immediate eligibility for health benefit package under the NHIP: *Provided*, That PhilHealth Identification Card shall not be required in the availment of any health services: *Provided, further*, That no co-payments shall be charged for services rendered in basic accommodation: *Provided, furthermore*, That co-payments and co-insurance for amenities in public hospitals shall be regulated by the DOH and PhilHealth: *Provided, finally*, That the current PhilHealth package for members shall not be reduced.

PhilHealth shall provide additional NHIP benefits for direct contributors, where applicable: *Provided*, That failure to pay premiums shall not prevent the enjoyment of any NHIP benefits: *Provided, further*, That employers [~~and self-employed direct contributors~~] shall be required to pay all missed contributions with an interest, compounded

monthly, of at least three percent (3%) for employers [~~and not exceeding 1.5% for self-earning, professional practitioners, and migrant workers~~].

Sec. 2. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 11223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 10. *Premium Contributions.* – For direct contributors, premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and monthly income floor and ceiling:

Year	Premium Rate	Income Floor	Income Ceiling
2019	2.75%	P10,000.00	P50,000.00
2020	3.00%	P10,000.00	P60,000.00
2021	3.50%	P10,000.00	P70,000.00
2022	4.00%	P10,000.00	P80,000.00
2023	4.50%	P10,000.00	P90,000.00
2024	5.00%	P10,000.00	P100,000.00
2025	5.00%	P10,000.00	P100,000.00

YEAR	PREMIUM RATE	INCOME FLOOR	INCOME CEILING
2022	3%	P10,000.00	P40,000.00
2023	3.5%	P10,000.00	P40,000.00
2024	4%	P10,000.00	P40,000.00
2025	4.5%	P10,000.00	P45,000.00

2026	5%	P10,000.00	P50,000.00
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PROVIDED, THAT PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND SELF-EARNING INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE BASED ON THE INCOME FLOOR: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT UNPAID PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF DISTRESSED OR REPATRIATED MIGRANT WORKERS SHALL NOT BE COLLECTED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT FAILURE TO PAY PHILHEALTH CONTRIBUTION SHALL NOT BE A GROUND FOR NON-ISSUANCE OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE OF A MIGRANT WORKER.

~~[Provided, That f]~~For indirect contributors, premium subsidy shall be gradually adjusted and included annually in the General Appropriations Act (GAA): *Provided,* ~~[further,]~~ That the funds shall be released to Philhealth: *Provided, further*~~[more]~~: That the DOH, in coordination with Philhealth, may request Congress to appropriate supplemental funding to meet targeted milestones of this Act: *Provided, finally,* That for every increase in the rate of contribution of direct contributors and premium subsidy of indirect contributors, Philhealth shall provide for a corresponding increase in benefits.

Section 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. *Effectivity*. - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,