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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 11216



Introduced by **Representative Khymer Adan T. Olaso**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed measure aims to address the health and medical needs of military and uniformed personnel who have selflessly dedicated their lives to serving and protecting the nation. This Act seeks to allocate Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000) per legislative district annually under the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) program, with the specific intent of providing support to military and uniformed personnel and their immediate dependents who are financially incapacitated.

Military and uniformed personnel, both active and retired, often face significant financial challenges in accessing necessary medical care. These challenges are compounded for those who are indigent or whose incomes are insufficient to cover medical expenses. While there are existing programs aimed at providing medical assistance to indigent patients, there is a need to ensure that a dedicated allocation is available for the military and uniformed personnel sector.

By directing the Department of Health (DOH) to allocate these funds, the bill ensures equitable and consistent access to medical support across all legislative districts. The allocation will benefit those who have served in roles critical to national security, disaster response, and public safety, providing them with much-needed relief and assistance during times of medical hardship.

Moreover, the proposed measure mandates the DOH, in coordination with the Department of National Defense (DND), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and other relevant agencies, to establish clear guidelines for the distribution and utilization of the funds. This ensures that the program will be implemented efficiently and transparently, targeting those who are most in need.

This initiative reflects the nation's gratitude and recognition of the sacrifices made by military and uniformed personnel. By easing their financial burdens related to healthcare, this Act upholds the State's commitment to promoting the welfare and dignity of its defenders and their families.

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

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**AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ALLOCATE TEN
MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000) PER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ANNUALLY FOR
THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT AND FINANCIALLY
INCAPACITATED PATIENTS (MAIFIP) PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY FOR
MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL**

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Military and Uniformed Personnel Medical Assistance Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to promote the health and well-being of all citizens, including military and uniformed personnel who serve and protect the nation. Recognizing the financial challenges faced by some members of this sector, it is imperative to ensure access to adequate medical assistance.

SECTION 3. Allocation of Funds. The Department of Health (DOH) is hereby directed to allocate Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000) annually per legislative district under the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) program specifically for the benefit of military and uniformed personnel.

SECTION 4. Beneficiaries. The beneficiaries of the allocation shall include active and retired military and uniformed personnel who are indigent or financially incapacitated, as well as their immediate dependents as defined by existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 5. Implementation. The DOH, in coordination with the Department of National Defense (DND), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and other relevant agencies, shall formulate

the necessary guidelines and criteria for the proper implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 6. Monitoring and Reporting. The DOH shall submit an annual report to Congress on the utilization of the allocated funds, including the number of beneficiaries served and the types of assistance provided, no later than March 31 of the following year.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. The amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000) per legislative district shall be automatically included in the annual General Appropriations Act under the budget of the DOH for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,