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HOUSE BILL NO. **300**



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

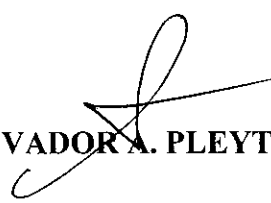
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In line with the government's thrust to protect and promote the right to health of the people as envisioned in the constitution, and to undertake appropriate health resource development which is responsive to the current problems and gaps in the delivery of dental health, this proposed bill seeks to create a dental and oral care service in every rural health unit of the country.

With a continuing growth in population, the government is harnessing all available resources to see to it that every Filipino can enjoy a decent and healthy way of life. Since the majority of the population is in the rural areas, priority health services are directed towards this particular segment and are given free because of the economic situation of its people.

However, some health services are limited, if not unavailable, like dental and oral health services. Many people in the rural areas adhere to alternative cures to alleviate toothache and other oral problems. This simple toothache, if not treated properly, will cause a major problem that will lead to a person's loss of productivity.

In view thereof, immediate passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DENTAL AND ORAL CARE SERVICE IN EVERY
RURAL HEALTH UNIT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. **Creation** – This Act shall be known as “Dental Health Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy** - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, the State shall promote preventive dental healthcare and provide effective services to address oral health problems in the rural areas.

SEC. 3. **Provision of a Dental Service** – There is hereby provided a dental service in every rural health unit throughout the country. It shall be provided by a public health dentist and a trained Barangay Health Worker who will serve as a dental aide.

SEC. 4. **Rules and Regulations** – The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. **Funding** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be funded from the current fiscal year’s appropriation for the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 6. **Separability Clause** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. **Repealing Clause** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. **Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette and in any newspaper of general circulation

Approved,