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HOUSE BILL NO. **2225**



Introduced by **Hon. Charisse Anne C. Hernandez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Republic Act No. 10152 or the “Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011” was enacted more than a decade ago. The pandemic just reminded us that viruses are developing and there are diseases that are preventable thru herd-immunity, just like the vaccine-preventable diseases provided in the aforementioned Act.

However, this 11-year old law needs updating in order to keep up with the new common vaccine-preventable diseases.

This bill seeks to include rotavirus, Japanese encephalitis, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, human papilloma virus, hepatitis-A, varicella, and flu vaccines to the list of vaccines given for free at government hospitals and health centers to infants and children up to five (5) years of age. These are recommended vaccines for infants and toddlers commonly prescribed by pediatricians, which the underprivileged parents cannot afford.

In addition, this bill proposes to limit the powers of the Secretary of Health in the determination of other types of vaccine-preventable diseases by requiring the recommendation of the Formulary Executive Council (FEC) and presentation before the joint committee hearing of the Committee on Health and Demography of the Senate and the Committee on Health of the House of Representatives.

By including the additional vaccine-preventable diseases of infant in the list under the Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act, we provide equal opportunity to poor families to have their infants and toddlers get vaccinated for free.


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION
PROGRAM AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE DETERMINATION OF OTHER
TYPES OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN
HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011”

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of the Republic Act No. 10152, otherwise known as the “Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. Coverage. — The mandatory basic immunization for all infants and children provided under this Act shall cover the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

- (a) Tuberculosis;
- (b) Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
- (c) Poliomyelitis;
- (d) Measles;
- (e) Mumps;
- (f) Rubella or German measles;
- (g) Hepatitis-B;
- (h) H. Influenza type B (HIB);

(i) ROTAVIRUS

(j) JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS;

(k) PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (PCV);

(l) HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV);

(m) HEPATITIS-A;

(n) VARICELLA

(o) FLU VACCINE; and

(p) Such other types as may be determined by the Secretary of Health in a department circular UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FORMULARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) AND THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION COMMITTEE (NIC) CREATED AS AN ADVISORY GROUP TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SETTING OF A DOH POLICY DIRECTION ON THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NIP), AND AFTER SEPARATE OR JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.”

SEC. 2. A new section to be numbered as Section 7 is hereby added to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. ANNUAL REPORT. — THE DOH SHALL SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON OR BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR, OR UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.”

SEC. 3. Section 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the same Act are hereby renumbered as 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,