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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.” This constitutional directive compels the government to adopt proactive measures that will safeguard and enhance the health of every Filipino.

While the passage of Republic Act No. 11223, or the “Universal Health Care Act”, has indeed been a milestone in fulfilling this constitutional mandate, the current state of our healthcare system continues to face substantial challenges. Accessibility, preventive care, and early detection of diseases remain limited, particularly among the most vulnerable sectors of society. This gap highlights the need for continuous policy innovation and expansion to strengthen the health system’s reach and impact.

This bill seeks to address this gap by mandating the provision of free annual medical check-ups for every Filipino citizen, as members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) under the Universal Health Care Law. These annual check-ups will include essential diagnostic tests such as blood sugar and cholesterol tests - key tools in the early detection and management of chronic illnesses like diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, which remain among the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the country. Furthermore, the bill mandates the expansion of laboratory and diagnostic tests included in the free annual check-up program, ensuring that the scope of tests adapts to the current and emerging health risks affecting the Filipino population

By promoting early detection and timely intervention through free annual medical check-ups, we can reduce the burden of disease, lower long-term healthcare costs, and improve the overall quality of life for every Filipino.

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



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR EVERY
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the **FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR EVERY FILIPINO ACT**.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall ensure access to preventive healthcare services by providing every Filipino with free annual medical check-ups to aid in the early detection and prevention of diseases.

SECTION 3. Coverage. - Every Filipino citizen, by virtue of their membership in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) mandated under Republic Act No. 11223, or the "Universal Health Care Law", shall be entitled to the applicable benefits under the Philippine Health Insurance Program including a free annual medical check-up.

SECTION 4. Annual Medical Check-Up Program. - To promote health, identify risks, and ensure early diagnosis, PhilHealth, in consultation with the Department of

Health (DOH), shall establish a program that provides Filipinos with free annual medical check-up that shall include, but not limited to, blood sugar and cholesterol tests. The laboratory and diagnostic tests to be included in the Free Annual Medical Check-up Program shall be expanded based on the current and emerging health necessities of Filipinos, subject to the availability of PhilHealth funds.

SECTION 5. *Screening and Evaluation.* – Prior to availing any laboratory and/or diagnostic test under the Annual Medical Check-Up Program, the patient must first be screened by a PhilHealth-accredited primary care provider to evaluate the patient and identify which laboratory and/or diagnostic tests should be administered: *Provided*, that the availment of the laboratory and/or diagnostic tests shall be through PhilHealth-accredited health care institutions (HCIs).

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – PhilHealth shall be primarily responsible in implementing the provisions of this Act. PhilHealth, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the total revenue of PhilHealth, composed of premium contributions from direct contributors and premium subsidies of the government for the indirect contributors.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,