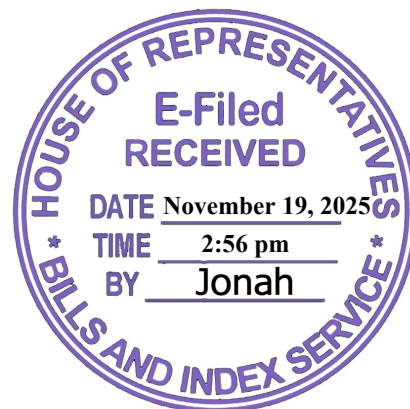




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Access to preventive health care remains one of the most persistent gaps in the Philippine health system. While many Filipinos seek medical attention only when symptoms become severe, a significant number forego consultations altogether due to financial constraints, distance to health facilities, or lack of awareness. As a result, illnesses that could have been detected early often progress into severe, costly, and life-threatening conditions.

This bill recognizes that prevention is a far more efficient and equitable approach to health care. By institutionalizing free annual medical check-ups for all Filipinos, the measure aims to shift the health system toward early detection, timely intervention, and long-term disease prevention. Routine screening for common conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, respiratory illnesses, cancers, nutritional deficiencies, and mental health concerns, significantly reduces morbidity, mortality, and the economic burden on families and government.

The proposed measure mandates government health facilities, in coordination with the Department of Health, PhilHealth, and local government units, to provide annual medical assessments, basic laboratory tests, and appropriate referrals to higher-level care. This will allow Filipinos, especially those in low-income and underserved communities, to receive regular, standardized, and proactive health evaluations at no cost.

Beyond improving individual health outcomes, free annual check-ups will strengthen public health surveillance, support early outbreak detection, and reduce the long-term cost of treating advanced diseases—thereby aligning with the State’s commitment under the Constitution to “protect and promote the right to health of the people” and ensure affordable health services for all.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR FILIPINOS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 Act."

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to support and promote the right to health by enhancing programs that focus on preventive and curative medicine that advance the health and wellbeing of Filipinos and prevent disease, disability, and death. Pursuant thereto, Filipinos shall be entitled to an annual medical check-up that is free of charge in any government hospital and institution.

Section 3. Coverage. – All Filipino Citizens, 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. Members shall be entitled to a free annual medical check-up that shall include blood sugar and cholesterol tests. Laboratory and diagnostic tests shall be expanded, subject to the availability of PhilHealth funds.

Section 4. Schedule of Free Medical Check-up. – To promote health, identify risks, and ensure early diagnosis, PhilHealth shall establish a system that allows access to a free annual medical check-up and ensure that Filipinos shall be accorded the quality health care services that they deserve.

Section 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the DOH. Thereafter, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,