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HOUSE BILL No. 6845



INTRODUCED BY HON. RICARDO S. CRUZ, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes its responsibility to promote the health and well-being of senior citizens, who, by reason of age, are more susceptible to preventable diseases. Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions to reduce morbidity and mortality among the elderly population.

This measure seeks to institutionalize the grant of free vaccination for all senior citizens. By ensuring universal access to vaccines, the government affirms its commitment to safeguarding the lives of the elderly, alleviating the burden of healthcare costs on families, and strengthening the nation's overall public health system.

The provision of free vaccination will not only protect senior citizens from life-threatening illnesses but will also contribute to reducing hospital admissions and healthcare expenditures. It is a preventive measure that upholds the constitutional mandate to provide adequate social services and improve the quality of life for all.

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


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**AN ACT
GRANTING FREE VACCINATION FOR ALL SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF
2010," PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 Immunization
for Senior Citizens Act of 2025"

SECTION 2. Section 4 (f) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic
Act No. 9257, further amended by Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the
"Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", shall be hereby further amended to read as
follows:

"SEC. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. -

The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

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(f) the DOH shall administer free vaccination against the

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS, SHINGLES, MEASLES, influenza
virus, pneumococcal disease, **AND OTHER SIMILAR APPROVED
VACCINATIONS WHICH THE DOH DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE
PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL** senior citizen patients;"

SECTION 3. Appropriations. - The amount needed for the implantation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Health ("DOH") in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the concerned departments in the annual General Appropriations.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within six ("6") months from the approval of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development ("DSWD"), DOH, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation ("PHILHEALTH"), and the National Commission on Senior Citizens ("NCSC"), in coordination with other implementing agencies, shall formulate rules and guidelines as may be necessary for the proper implementation and enforcement of this Act.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly. Furthermore, if any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen ("15") days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two ("2") newspapers of the general circulation.

Approved,