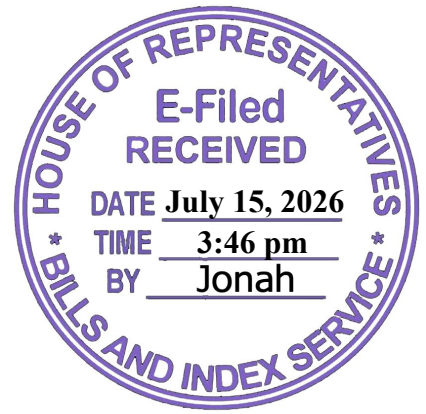


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Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide hospital benefits and other healthcare privileges to public school teachers and their qualified dependents. It grants discounts on consultations and other hospital services, and expands their Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) coverage for medical expenses.

Public school teachers shoulder responsibilities that extend beyond classroom instruction. Amid the demands of the profession and rising healthcare costs, public school teachers and their families face financial and health-related risks that may affect their capacity to perform their duties and remain in public service.

Republic Act (RA) No. 4670, otherwise known as the "*Magna Carta for Public School Teachers*", provides annual medical examinations and protects teachers against work related illnesses and injuries. However, it does not provide hospital discounts, priority access to hospital services, expanded health insurance coverage, or healthcare benefits for qualified dependents.

This measure augments the benefits provided under RA No. 4670 by providing discounts on consultations and other hospital services, fast lane facilities in government hospitals, and an additional ten percent (10%) PhilHealth coverage for public school teachers and their qualified dependents.

The nation's education system depends on the well-being of those entrusted to teach future generations. Expanding healthcare support for public school teachers affirms the State's commitment to protecting the welfare of our public school teachers in recognition of their indispensable role in national development.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “*Public School Teachers’ Hospital Benefits Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby the declared policy of the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential health and other social services available to all people at affordable costs. Towards this end, the State shall protect the interests and promote the well-being of Filipino public school teachers and their dependents through the provision of medical services.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

a. Public School Teacher refers to a person who is registered at the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and is engaged in classroom teaching in all schools operated by the government, with the exception of professorial staff of state colleges and universities;

b. Dependent refers to:

i. Legitimate spouse;

ii. Legitimate, illegitimate or legally adopted children, chiefly dependent upon and living with the teacher if such child is not more than eighteen (18) years of age, unmarried and not gainfully employed or is over the age of majority but incapacitated and incapable of self-support due to a mental or physical defect; and

iii. The teachers’ parents who are dependent upon the teacher for support.

SEC. 4. *Mandate.* – To ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of medical benefits, all government hospitals are hereby mandated to:

- a. Provide for health care services to all teachers and their legal dependents which shall include preventive, promotive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative programs;
- b. Conduct medical and other relevant diagnostic examination to ensure the physical and mental capability of all teacher applicants; and
- c. Set-up a system that will effectively monitor the health condition of teachers and their dependents.

SEC. 5. *Benefits and Privileges.* – To carry out the purposes of this Act, all government hospitals shall:

- a. Grant at least ten percent (10%) discount on consultations and other hospital needs for teachers and their dependents; and
- b. Provide fast-lane facilities to serve teachers and their dependents.

SEC. 6. *Requirements for Availing Hospital Benefits.* – Public School Teachers must bring their Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Identification Card and valid proof of employment in a public school (like ID). Furthermore, if their dependents wish to avail of this benefit, they must also be accompanied by the teacher and must bring one (1) government ID or Birth Certificate.

SEC. 7. *Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.* – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation is hereby mandated to increase by ten percent (10%) the health care coverage of teachers and their dependents for medical expenses.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,