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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3671



Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This piece of legislation seeks to provide a subsidy for the immunization requirements of dependents of State workers. An estimated 1.4 million state workers are receiving compensation based on the Salary Standardization Law that is barely meeting the needs of their families. Needless to say, the State fund has its meters and bounds strung with stringent laces.

Traditional Vaccines (Routine Immunization) such as BGC, DPT, Oral Polio Vaccine, Measles, Tetanus Toxoid and Hepatitis B are given to all infants 0-11 months nationwide by the state health canters as part of the National Immunization Program of the DOH is inadequate to safeguard the health and well being of our children thus, creating a degenerating population.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that Hemophilos influenza Type B (HIB) vaccine be included in the national immunization program. It is expected to prevent 4% of global deaths of under five children. Introduction will have added benefit of preventing occurrence of H. influenza meningitis and other invasive HIB diseases and approximately 30% of all pneumonia. Another equally important vaccine is Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).

The National Center for Disease Prevention and Control concurred with the recommendation of the WHO and is lobbying for the inclusion of the new vaccines and implementation of the Expanded Program of Immunizations.

The DOH is targeting a population of 2,490,118 with the following new vaccines for introduction, namely MMR, DPT_HEPB_HIB and Td/Dt.

Taking into consideration the limited resources of the national budget and the relative insufficient budget allocation to the DOH, funding will be sourced from the proceeds of the Reformed Value Added Tax provision on health services.

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


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**AN ACT
CREATING THE "SUBSIDY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION
ACT OF 2016" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as "Subsidy Insurance Coverage of Childhood Immunization act of 2016."

SECTION 2. *Coverage.* – All government employees regardless of status shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Comprehensive Coverage.* – For purposes of this Section, the comprehensive coverage for childhood immunization shall cover the new vaccines in accordance with the most recent recommendation of the DOH for each child age 0 to 11 months who is a dependent of a government employee.

SECTION 4. *Funding.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under RA 9337 otherwise known as the Reformed Value Added Tax Law.

SECTION 5. *Coordination of Administration; Lead Implementing Agency.* – The DOH shall be the lead implementing agency under the provisions of this Act. Coordination of policies relating to the implementation shall be through Secretaries in order to expedite requirements and coordinated implementation that will avoid duplication of implementation efforts and assign priorities in implementation.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Civil Service Commission, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and other appropriate agencies shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,