Republic Act No. 10152, otherwise known as the “Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011” was enacted to mandate the adoption of a comprehensive and sustainable immunization program for vaccine-preventable diseases for all Filipino children and infants. It includes vaccination programs against diseases such as tuberculosis, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, German measles, Hepatitis B and Influenza Type B. These immunization programs need to be updated to ensure the complete protection of infants and children from life-threatening diseases.

The Philippine Pediatric Society and the Pediatric Disease Society of the Philippines, together with the Philippine Foundation for Vaccination releases an annual Childhood Immunization Schedule to help determine and update the needed vaccines for children and infant against common vaccine-preventable diseases. For 2019, as in the previous years, the schedule has included Rotavirus, Japanese encephalitis (JE), Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). However, these are not included in the list of the current vaccination program of the government.
Hence, this bill seeks to amend and expand Republic Act No. 10152 by including in the list of mandatory basic immunization the vaccines for Rotavirus, JE, PCV and HPV. The inclusion of these vaccines will be beneficial not only for the infants and children, but also for the families especially in the grassroots level who cannot avail these in private hospitals due to exorbitant costs. Further, it also mandates the Formulary Executive Council (FEC) and the National Immunization Committee (NIC) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Health as to the other types of vaccines that should be included in the list. The wisdom of this measure is to combat the threats of emerging diseases as early as the infancy stage to ensure the health of the nation.

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

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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE DETERMINATION OF OTHER TYPES OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011"

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10152 or the "Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Coverage. – The mandatory basic immunization for all infants and children provided under this Act shall cover the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

(a) Tuberculosis;
(b) Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
(c) Poliomyelitis;
(d) Measles;
(e) Mumps;
(f) Rubella or German measles;
(g) Hepatitis-B;
(h) H. Influenza type B (HIB); [and]
(I) ROTAVIRUS;
(J) JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS;
(K) PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (PCV);
(M) HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV); AND
[(l)] (M) Such other types as may be determined by the Secretary of
Health in a department circular **UPON THE RECOMMENDATION**
**OF THE FORMULARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) AND THE**
**NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION COMMITTEE (NIC) CREATED AS**
**ADVISORY GROUP TO PROVIDE TEHCNICAL SUPPORT TO THE**
**SETTING OF A DOH POLICY DIRECTION ON THE NATIONAL**
**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NIP), AND AFTER SEPARATE OR**
**JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE**
**ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY OF THE SENATE AND THE**
**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH OF THE HOUSE OF**
**REPRESENTATIVES. PROVIDED, THAT WHEN THERE IS**
**PANDEMIC AND WHEN THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**
**IS NOT IN SESSION, THE SAID PUBLIC HEARINGS NEED NOT**
**BE CONDUCTED.**

SEC. 2. A new section to be numbered as Section 7 is hereby added to read
as follows:

"**SEC. 7. ANNUAL REPORT.** – THE DOH SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE SENATE**
**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND THE HOUSE OF**
**REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON OR BEFORE THE**
**END OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR, OR UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY**
**OF THE AFORESAID COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS, A REPORT GIVING"
A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THIS ACT."

SEC. 3. Section 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the same Act are hereby renumbered as 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,