COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 714

Submitted by the Committee on Health on JAN 25 2021

Re : House Bill No. 8461

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8300 and 8316


Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Health to which were referred:

House Bill No. 8300, introduced by Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"; and,

H.B. No. 8316, introduced by Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASES IN PHILIPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) PREMIUM RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8461 entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”"

Respectfully submitted:

HON. ANGELINA “Helen” D.L. TAN, M.D.
Chairperson
Committee on Health

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8461

(In Substitution of House Bills No. 8300 and 8316)


AN ACT

GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the “Universal Health Care Act” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 10. Premium Contributions. – For direct contributors, premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and monthly income floor and ceiling:

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IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCIES WHEN PUBLIC INTEREST SO REQUIRES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND THE SECRETARY OF
HEALTH AS CHAIRPERSON OF PHILHEALTH, MAY SUSPEND THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PREMIUM
RATES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION. SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULED
INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO FALL ON
THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION."

SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the PhilHealth, in
consultation with the Department of Finance, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations
for its effective implementation.

SEC. 3. All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules
and regulations, ordinances, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 8461

In substitution of House Bills Numbered 8300 and 8316
(As approved by the Committee on January 21, 2021)

AN ACT
GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PHILHEALTH PREMIUM RATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”


Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Committee Chairperson: REP. ANGELINA “HELEN” D.L. TAN, M.D.

OBJECTIVE:
- To grant the President of the Philippines the power to suspend a scheduled increase in Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) premium rates on contributions.

KEY PROVISIONS:
- Amends Section 10 of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the “Universal Health Care Act,” to include the following provision:

“The President of the Philippines, in consultation with the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Health as Chairperson of PhilHealth, may suspend the implementation of a scheduled increase in premium rates provided under this section in times of national emergencies, when public interest so requires. Subsequent scheduled increases in contributions shall be allowed only after the years following the lifting of the suspension.”

RELATED LAW:
- Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the “Universal Health Care Act.”