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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 405

Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS
THAT WERE THE PRECURSORS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT, IN
THE CRAFTING OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME**

WHEREAS, last 20 February 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law "*An Act Instituting Universal Health Care for all Filipinos, Prescribing Reforms in the Health Care System, and Appropriating Funds Therefor*" otherwise known as the "*Universal Health Care Act*" or Republic Act no. 11223;

WHEREAS, this law promotes, protects, and upholds the Constitutional rights of Filipinos to health; furthermore, it automatically enrolls all Filipino citizens in the National Health Insurance Program and prescribes complementary reforms in the health system, giving citizens access to the full continuum of health services they need, while protecting them from enduring financial hardship as a result¹;

WHEREAS, Sec. 43 of the law requires the Department of Health (DoH) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), in consultation and

¹ <https://www.who.int/philippines/news/feature-stories/detail/uhc-act-in-the-philippines-a-new-dawn-for-health-care>; retrieved 25 September 2019.

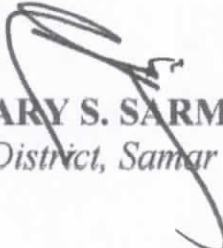
coordination with appropriate national government agencies, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, private sector representatives, and other stakeholders, to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the same;

WHEREAS, this law is the result of the joint and diligent efforts of the lawmakers from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, who have done their respective studies, consultations, and research in the course of crafting their versions of the bills that eventually became abovesaid legislation;

WHEREAS, such lawmakers may have significant information and inputs that may make the implementation of the law more efficient and effective; they may have important contributions that will help in keeping the integrity of the policies and objectives of the law throughout its implementation;

WHEREAS, inviting said lawmakers in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations will allow said persons to provide their respective inputs and recommendation for the better implementation of the law and will eventually redound to the benefit of the people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Health to include the authors of the House and Senate Bills that were precursors to the Universal Health Care Act in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations for the same.


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