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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1451

Introduced by Honorable Cristal L. Bagatsing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to expand the list of vaccine-preventable diseases to include vaccination for the Rotavirus, Japanese Encephalitis, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

Its salient features are as follows:

1. Empowers the Formulary Executive Committee (FEC) and the National Immunization Committee (NIC) to identify the diseases and recommend medicines and vaccines that need to be included in the formulary based on continuing review of disease statistics from public and local hospitals and other health facilities.
2. Provides a system in the determination of vaccine-preventable diseases.
3. Mandates the Department of Health (DOH) to provide a department circular on the determined types of vaccine-preventable diseases upon the recommendation of the FEC and the NIC and the joint hearing of the Committees on Health of both Congresses.
4. Requires the submission of an annual report to the Office of the President to ensure the efficient, economical, and effective implementation of this Act.

This is a refilled bill of House Bill No. 9068 authored by the undersigned, jointly with the Committee on Health approved on 3rd Reading of the House of Representatives during the 17th Congress.

Approval of this bill earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10152, otherwise known as 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);
(i) ROTAVIRUS;
(j) JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS;
(k) PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (PCV);
(l) HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV); AND
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 an advisory group to provide technical 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 A PANDEMIC AND WHEN THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IS NOT IN SESSION, THE SAID PUBLIC HEARINGS NEED NOT BE CONDUCTED.”

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SEC. 2. A new section to be numbered as Section 7 is hereby added after Section 6 of the same act, to read as follows:


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

Approved,