



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8461

BY REPRESENTATIVES VELASCO, QUIMBO, TAN (A.), DALIPE, FARIÑAS (R.C.), GATCHALIAN, RODRIGUEZ, HERRERA-DY, LEGARDA, COLLANTES, SINGSON-MEEHAN, PACQUIAO (R.), ATIENZA, UNGAB, SAVELLANO, LACSON-NOEL, ALONTE, DE VENECIA, ORDANES, MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, DY (F.M.C.), EBCAS, LOYOLA, SAULOG, GO (M.), GATO, ACOP, TIANGCO, PACQUIAO (A.), REVILLA, TUTOR, GARCIA (J.E.), DEFENSOR (M.), NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO, CASTRO (F.), BAÑAS-NOGRALES, BARBERS, OUANO-DIZON, VARGAS ALFONSO, BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, GARBIN, AMANTE-MATBA, ARROYO, CO (A.), ACOSTA, ERIGUEL, SALIMBANGON, DE JESUS, ESPINA, NAVA, SANCHEZ, ECLEO, VIOLAGO, SUANSING (E.), SUANSING (H.), HOFER, CELESTE, SAKALURAN, TY (D.), DELOSO-MONTALLA, GARIN AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 714

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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

1 **HEALTH AS CHAIRPERSON OF PHILHEALTH, MAY SUSPEND THE**
2 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE IN PREMIUM**
3 **RATES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION. SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULED**
4 **INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO FALL ON**
5 **THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION.”**

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

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13 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

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18 *Approved,*
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