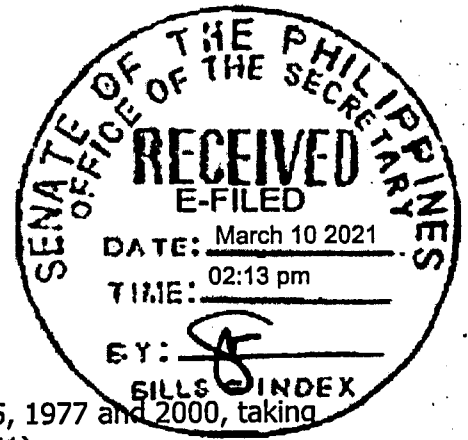


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(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977 and 2000, taking into consideration House Bill No. 8461)

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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"

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

1 **Section 1.** *Suspension of PhilHealth Premium Contribution Increase.* - Section
2 10 of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Health Care Act" is
3 hereby amended to read, as follows:

4 "SECTION 10. *Premium Contributions.* - For direct contributors,
5 premium rates shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and monthly
6 income floor and ceiling:

Year	Premium Rate	Income Floor	Income Ceiling
2019	2.75%	₱10,000.00	₱50,000.00
2020	3.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱60,000.00
2021	3.50%	₱10,000.00	₱70,000.00
2022	4.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱80,000.00
2023	4.50 %	₱10,000.00	₱90,000.00
2024	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00
2025	5.00 %	₱10,000.00	₱100,000.00

7 *Provided,* That for indirect contributors, premium subsidy shall be
8 gradually adjusted and included annually in the General Appropriations Act

1 (GAA): *Provided, further,* That the funds shall be released to PhilHealth:
2 *Provided, furthermore,* That the DOH, in coordination with PhilHealth, may
3 request Congress to appropriate supplemental funding to meet targeted
4 milestones of this Act: *Provided, finally,* That for every increase in the rate of
5 contribution of direct contributors and premium subsidy of indirect
6 contributors, PhilHealth shall provide for a corresponding increase in benefits.

7 **IN THE EVENT OF A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR**
8 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF NATIONAL CALAMITY,**
9 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF**
10 **THE PHILHEALTH BOARD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH**
11 **STAKEHOLDERS, MAY SUSPEND THE INCREASE IN PREMIUM**
12 **CONTRIBUTION RATES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE**
13 **MANDATED INCREASE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED UPON THE LIFTING**
14 **OF THE STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, OR PUBLIC HEALTH**
15 **EMERGENCY, OR STATE OF NATIONAL CALAMITY. ALL SUBSEQUENT**
16 **SCHEDULED INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTION RATES SHALL BE**
17 **IMPLEMENTED IN THE SUCCEEDING YEARS ACCORDINGLY."**

18 **Section. 2. *Continuity of Benefits.*** – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
19 eliminate or diminish any benefits or entitlements already granted to members of
20 PhilHealth.

21 **Section. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other
22 issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed
23 or modified accordingly.

24 **Section. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or section of this Act is held
25 to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or sections hereof, which are not
26 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

27 **Section. 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
28 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
29 Philippines.

Approved,