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Introduced by SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW AND EVALUATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act (UHC) was passed into law in 2019. It seeks to: (a) Progressively realize universal health care in the country through a systemic approach and clear delineation of roles of key agencies and stakeholders towards better performance in the health system; and (b) Ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk;

WHEREAS, the UHC law reformed and introduced systemic changes for the pillars of health system in the country: service delivery, health workforce, health financing, health regulation, governance and health information system, and social determinants of health;

WHEREAS, PhilHealth is a government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) attached to the Department of Health tasked to primarily financed individual-based health services through the National Health Insurance Program;

WHEREAS, on October last year President Bongbong Marcos created the UHC Coordinating Council tasked to oversee the implementation of the UHC Act and serve as the venue to discuss the relevant concerns raised during the implementation of the UHC Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the gaps in the implementation determined through evaluation of the performance, impact and accomplishments of the law including the performance of the DOH and PhilHealth and other various agencies involved in realizing the reforms of the Universal Health Care Law; WHEREAS, almost six years since the passage of the UHC, the time is ripe for the Senate to assess whether the implementation of the law is on the right track of achieving its goal of accessible and efficient delivery of health care services and if necessary, the need to address the gaps in implementation through legislation;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, directing the Committee on Health and Demography to conduct a thorough review and evaluation on the implementation of republic act no. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act.

Adopted,

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