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PADILLA, RODRIGUEZ (R.), BICHARA, EMANO, GARCIA (P.) AND
HERRERA-DY, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2381

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS (BEI), THE
SPECIAL BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS (SBEI), THE
BOARD OF ELECTION TELLERS (BET) AND THEIR SUPPORT
STAFF FOR EVERY NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* -- This Act shall be known as the "Election
2 Officer/Staff Insurance Act of 2012".

3 SEC. 2. *Compulsory Coverage.* -- Coverage in the insurance shall be
4 compulsory for all persons receiving honoraria from the Commission as
5 members of the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI), the Special Board of
6 Election Inspectors (SBEI), the Board of Election Tellers (BET) and their
7 support staff, irrespective of appointment, except the members of the Armed
8 Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP)
9 deputized by the Commission to ensure free, orderly, honest, peaceful and

1 credible election: *Provided, however,* That in case members of the AFP and
2 the PNP, being appointed to act as members of the BEI, the SBEI or the BET,
3 shall likewise be covered by the insurance provided for by this Act.

4 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – In this Act:

5 (a) *Commission* refers to the Commission on Elections.

6 (b) *BEI* refers to the Board of Election Inspectors.

7 (c) *SBEI* refers to the Special Board of Election Inspectors.

8 (d) *BET* refers to the Board of Election Tellers.

9 (e) *GSIS* refers to the Government Service Insurance System.

10 (f) *Election-related risk* refers to any death or injury happening on the
11 occasion of or during the performance of duties relating to the election.

12 (g) *Beneficiaries* refer to the spouse until the spouse remarries, the
13 legitimate, legitimated or legally adopted, and illegitimate children, who shall
14 be the primary beneficiaries of the member: *Provided,* That the illegitimate
15 children shall be entitled to fifty percent (50%) of the share of the legitimate,
16 legitimated or legally adopted children: *Provided, further,* That in the absence
17 of the legitimate, legitimated children of the member, the dependent
18 illegitimate children shall be entitled to one hundred percent (100%) of the
19 benefits. In their absence, the parents shall be the secondary beneficiaries of
20 the member and, in the absence of all the foregoing, any other person
21 designated by the member as the secondary beneficiary shall be entitled to one
22 hundred percent (100%) of the benefits.

23 SEC. 4. *Commencement/Termination of Coverage.* – The insurance
24 coverage shall commence from the time the insured is exposed to any
25 election-related risk, starting from, but not limited to, the acquisition of
26 election paraphernalia and it shall be terminated upon the proper turnover of
27 the same to the appropriate receiving officer or until any election-related risk is
28 not present anymore.

1 SEC. 5. *Payment of Premium.* – It shall be mandatory for the
2 Commission to pay the corresponding premium to be determined by the GSIS.

3 (a) The Commission shall include in its annual appropriation the
4 necessary amounts for the premiums as determined by the GSIS.

5 (b) It shall be mandatory and compulsory for the Commission to
6 include the payment of the premiums in its annual appropriations.

7 SEC. 6. *Collection and Remittance of Premium.* – (a) The Commission
8 shall report to the GSIS the names of all its appointed or designated BEIs on a
9 given election, their corresponding appointment status, positions, honoraria
10 and such other pertinent information as may be required by the GSIS.

11 (a) The Commission shall remit directly to the GSIS the required
12 premiums within ten (10) days after the constitution or appointment of the
13 BEIs. The Commission shall furnish the GSIS a list of those who actually
14 served during election as members of the BEI, the SBEI or the BET, who, after
15 their appointment, are substituted by other teachers or employees.

16 SEC. 7. *Benefits.* – Notwithstanding any benefit provided for by the
17 GSIS or any institution granting the same to the insured, the insured shall be
18 entitled to the following benefits:

19 (a) *Death Benefits* – The amount of Two hundred thousand pesos
20 (P200,000.00) shall be awarded to the beneficiaries on the first (1st) year of
21 implementation of this law. Such amount shall be reviewed by the GSIS every
22 three (3) years thereafter, but in no case shall be lower than the above provided
23 amount.

24 (b) *Hospitalization Benefits* – The insurance shall cover the
25 hospitalization and medical expenses of the insured beneficiary until recovery.

26 SEC. 8. *Administration of Funds.* – The funds collected by the GSIS
27 shall not be used for purposes other than what are provided for by this Act.

1 SEC. 9. *Exemption from Tax and Legal Processes.* – Premiums for the
2 life insurance paid by the Commission to the GSIS and the benefits paid by the
3 GSIS to the BEI, the SBEI, the BET and their support staff shall be exempted
4 from income tax. It shall likewise be exempted from attachment, garnishment,
5 execution, levy or other processes issued by the courts, quasi-judicial bodies or
6 other administrative agencies including the Commission on Audit.

7 SEC. 10. *Implementing Body.* – The GSIS, as created under Republic
8 Act No. 8291, shall implement the provisions of this Act.

9 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations that may
10 be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
11 accordingly.

12 SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any of the sections or provisions of
13 this Act is adjudged invalid, all its other provisions not affected thereby shall
14 remain in force.

15 SEC. 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
16 days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
17 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

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