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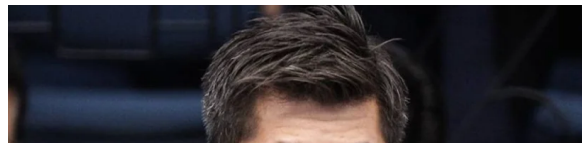
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ex-Biliran congressman Glenn Chong. TMT File Photo

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A FORMER member of the House of Representatives claimed that the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department of Education violated the Constitution for conducting mass Covid-19 vaccination for children in the absence of a law that is supposed to mandate it.

Based on his judicial affidavit submitted before Judge Primo

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Sio of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 96, which hears an urgent petition for certiorari, prohibition, declaratory relief and injunction filed by two parents — Dominic Almelor of Quezon City and Girlie Samonte of Tondo, Manila — ex-Biliran congressman Glenn Chong said the DoH was violating Republic Act (RA) 11525 (Covid-19 Vaccination Program) when it issued Memorandum 2022-0041 dated Jan. 24, 2022.

"The law (RA 11525) only provided for and identified the following groups: health care workers, senior citizens, persons with comorbidities, frontline

personnel in essential services, including uniformed personnel, and teachers and indigent population; and the following special groups: frontline workers in health facilities, senior

citizens and indigent persons, as the beneficiaries, respectively, of the vaccines funded by national and local government units," Chong, a lawyer and a former member of the House of Representatives in 2007, also said.

Children or the pediatric population are not included, yet, he pointed out, they are compelled to be vaccinated despite the fact that the Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019)

vaccine is clearly recognized as experimental by no less than RA 11525.

Chong presented his testimony before Public Attorney's Office chief Persida Rueda-Acosta, who submitted the same to the Quezon City judge.

Earlier, Dr. Benigno Agbayani Jr., co-founder and past president of the Concerned Doctors and Citizens of the Philippines, said that Covid-19 vaccines were merely granted emergency use authorization.

"There must be a surveillance on the safety and efficacy of the same and the persons in charge of the public health should be aware of the red flags of an

experimental vaccine, such as deaths and injuries following Covid shots," Agbayani said in his affidavit submitted to the court.

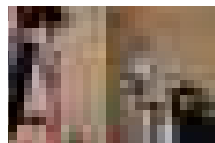
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