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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution declares that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them" (Section 15, Article II).

Moreover, it provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers (Section 11, Article XIII).

Along these lines, this bill aims to establish the Philippine Trauma Institute in order to provide specialized services for the trauma care components of the medical care delivery systems with the end view of substantially reducing the number of deaths and disabilities resulting from incidents of physical trauma by improving this particular medical care delivery system.

The World Health Organization says that, "In the Philippines, accidents, of all types including road traffic crashes, rank fourth among the causes of death in all ages. Next to assault, road traffic crashes are the second leading cause of injury death for all ages. Among 0 to 17 year old children, road traffic crash is also the second leading cause of injury deaths, next to drowning."

Moreover, it found that, "About 7,000 Filipinos die each year, and thousands more are injured or disabled, due to road traffic crashes. Riders of motorcycles and two-wheeler bicycles make up a large proportion of these statistics. Injuries to the head and neck are often the main cause of death, severe injury and disability."

In response to these trends, this measure seeks to institutionalize a trauma institute that will implement the latest advances in trauma and critical care and become the leader in continuing improvement and education of trauma care providers nationwide.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Trauma Institute Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to health. For this purpose, the State shall establish and maintain a medical institution that shall specialize in the provision of comprehensive, quality, accessible and affordable healthcare to injured persons.

SEC. 3. Establishment of the Philippine Trauma Institute. - There is hereby established, under the Department of Health (DOH), a specialty hospital to be known as the Philippine Trauma Institute (PTI), which shall be for the benefit of the patients afflicted with major traumatic injuries and the well-being of the people.

The PTI shall be the center for trauma research in the Philippines and shall provide a venue for cooperation with private research institutes.

To enable the PTI to effectively carry out its functions as a national center for trauma, a modern building facility with a heliport for emergency operations shall be constructed.

The PTI shall be manned by an adequate number of competent personnel and shall be equipped with modern facilities particularized as follows:

- a. A one thousand five hundred (1500) bed capacity for in-patients;
- b. Emergency facilities for at least seven hundred (700) cases per day;
- c. Fully-equipped special care units such as, but not limited to, the Medical Intensive care Unit (MICU), the Pediatric Intensive care Unit (PICU), Neonatal Intensive care Unit (NICU), Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SKU), and the Burns, Stroke, Spine, Renal and Pulmonary Care Units;
- d. State-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment and modalities;
- e. Modern training and research laboratory facilities;
- f. Complete sectionalized laboratory and blood banking system;
- g. Computer-based Integrated Hospital Information System; and
- h. Other facilities and amenities necessary for a premier teaching-training

medical center

A complex shall also be constructed to house service facilities with departmentalized clinics for two thousand out-patients.

SEC. 4. Project Plan. - The execution of the project plan for the physical plant of the PTI shall be undertaken by the DOH in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 5. Government Contributions. - The Government shall constitute the necessary land, building, equipment and facilities to the PTI and shall pay such obligations for real, personal and mixed properties arising from such undertaking.

SEC. 6. Assistance from Government Agencies. - The PTI may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the Government, including government owned and controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the pursuit of its purposes and objectives. All individuals, entities and institutions are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation to the PTI the accomplishment of its objectives and activities.

SEC. 7. Tax Exemptions. - All donations, contributions or endowments, which may be made by entities or persons to the PTI shall be exempt from income and gift taxes.

The PTI shall be exempt from the payment of taxes, charges and fees imposed by the government or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof with respect to equipment purchases made by, or for, the PTI.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its implementation shall be included in the regular appropriations of the DOH.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.