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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Every few seconds, someone needs blood transfusion. Every few seconds, Filipinos die due to inadequate and inaccessible supply of blood.

The Department of Health is intensifying its campaign for voluntary blood donation. Through its National Voluntary Blood Service Program, it raises public awareness, forges multi-sector collaboration and creates community-based mobile blood donation activities to ensure an adequate supply of blood especially, during natural and man-made disasters. However, voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation remains a challenge to the DOH.

The aim of this measure is to supplement the efforts of the Department of Health in guaranteeing that adequately safe blood is accessible to all Filipinos. It seeks to institutionalize a National Blood Typing Program, strengthening Republic Act 7719, known as the National Blood Services Act of 1994.

The National Blood Typing Program will provide tests for Filipinos to know their blood type and create a blood type database for Barangays or Cities/Municipalities, facilitating immediate blood donation response especially, during emergency situations. As a national program, it will task other departments to collaborate with the Department of Health for a nationwide reach and success of the same.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this measure is earnestly, sought.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL BLOOD TYPING PROGRAM UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS, THEREFOR.**

*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 “National Blood Typing Act”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy:* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them (**Article II Section XV**).

Likewise, the State is mandated to 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 (**Article XIII Section II**).

Further, Republic Act 7719, known as the National Blood Services Act of 1994 provided that, voluntary blood donation by the citizenry shall be promoted and encouraged and instill public consciousness of the principle of blood donation as a humanitarian act.

SECTION 3. *National Blood Typing Program:* To inform Filipinos of their blood type, create and maintain a database of blood donors, enhance the blood donation program of the DOH and facilitate an efficient response to blood donation emergency, a National Blood Typing Program is hereby institutionalized.

This program is free and voluntary in nature.

SECTION 3. *Blood Type Database:* A database shall be kept and maintained either by the Barangay or the City/Municipality where the donor resides. Provided, that a national database

shall be kept and maintained by the Department of Health. All government entities in-charged of the database shall ensure its safety and security.

SECTION 6. *Rules and Regulations:* The Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations:* The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause:* If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause:* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified, accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity:* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,