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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution states that:

Article II, Section 15: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

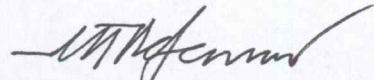
Furthermore, it adds in Article XIII, Section 11 that: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children."

The Health Facilities Enhancement Program or HFEP became a budget line item under the GAA FY2008. The program plan that was applied to utilize this budget which consisted mostly of capital outlay was the Philippine Hospital Development Plan (PHDP) of 2000. The PHDP was crafted by the National Center for Health Facility Development (NCHFD) to align the nationwide government hospital system with the Health Sector Reform Agenda. Sometime in 2006, however, DOH also decided to manage and influence all other kinds of health facilities like outpatient clinics and other special health service centers using instruments similar to those used for hospitals. These instruments are: licensing and regulations by the Bureau of Health Facilities Services, accreditation and consequent fiscal incentives through payment by the PhilHealth and technical assistance and capital outlay by the NCHFD.

In preparation for the development of other types of government healthcare facilities under a devolved set-up, DOH issued an Administrative Order for the Rationalization of Health Care Delivery System Based on Need on June 15, 2006. To carry this out, provincial governments coordinated with their component city and municipal governments and were provided by DOH with technical assistance to plan for evidence-based, province-wide development of health facilities (-which ones and where to be built, upgraded, downgraded and phased-out specific facilities) and health services.¹

This bill aims to prevent needless financial loss on government funds by having a set of standards to follow to provide efficiency in the health programs provided in all general hospitals.

Considering the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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¹ HFEP Program Briefer: <https://www.doh.gov.ph/node/5878>

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**AN ACT STANDARDIZING ASSESSMENT IN THE HEALTH FACILITIES
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS**

*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 “Standardizing Assessment In
2 The Health Facilities Enhancement Program In All Government Hospitals Act of 2019”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the state to protect and promote the
4 right to health of the people and to ensure that each individual has access to information and
5 services that will bring about health and well-being. The state shall adopt an integrated and
6 comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential health
7 services available to all the people at an affordable cost. Aside from basic health services, the
8 state shall also seek to provide quality facilities, equipment and infrastructure to Filipinos
9 suffering from debilitating illnesses through standardization and assessment of all health
10 facilities. In line with this, this act shall hereby declare the standardization of assessment in the
11 health facilities enhancement program in all general hospitals.

12 Sec. 3. *Definition.*

1 *Standardizing (gerund or present participle)* – is the process of implementing and
2 developing technical standards based on the consensus of different parties that include firms,
3 users, interest groups, standards organization and governments.

4 *Assessment* – the evaluation or estimation of the nature, quality or ability of someone
5 or something.

6 Sec. 4. *Coverage* - The Department of Health (DOH) shall submit to the Congress a list
7 of technical standards that should evaluate the quality and efficiency of the health programs
8 provided in all general hospitals.

9 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential
10 issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
11 accordingly.

12 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provisions of this Act is
13 held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected
14 thereby.

15 Sec. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in at
16 least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

17 *Approved*