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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3764**



Introduced by Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to modernize the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) hospital care delivery system through an integrated approach and complemented by state-of-the art technology.

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is a premier national tertiary hospital and a referral center for tertiary care. Operated by UP Manila, it gives quality patient care services to thousands of indigent patients every year from all over the country through its various departments and specialized units. It serves about 600,000 patients every year, mostly belongs to the low' income social group.

With its current condition and to correspond with its modernization efforts, PGH has to be supported to undertake a massive modernization program to better realize its mandate of rendering quality health and medical care services to indigent patients.

The PGH modernization program involves the acquisition of state-of-the-art medical equipment, the renovation and modernization of facilities, and the implementation of programs geared towards more effective and efficient delivery of health and medical care services.

Henceforth, this bill aims to make health care and medical services of the PGH more accessible, available, affordable and acceptable to our people.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared a policy of the State to modernize the health care delivery system to a level where it can fully and effectively perform its constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

SEC. 3. Objective. – There shall be established a comprehensive and continuing PGH Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, hereinafter referred to as the “Program” which shall have the following objectives:

- 1 (a) undertake measures to improve the current state of the
2 Philippine General Hospital (PGH);
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4 (b) provide greater awareness by the public of the systems being
5 offered by PGH through various programs and projects and
6 other related information;
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8 (c) upgrade, modernize, acquire and procure state-of-the- art
9 medical equipment, the latest model of clinical apparatus,
10 instruments, the renovation and modernization of its facilities
11 and the application of the new technologies to improve the
12 hospital's capabilities in providing timely and reliable medical
13 services for its patients.
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15 **SEC. 4. Program Description** - The modernization program under this
16 Act shall principally be a re-tooling of PGH with modern equipment and
17 facilities, including but not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-
18 date medical instruments, tools and apparatus; repair major areas which need
19 to be rehabilitated such as patient rooms and wards, Operating and Delivery
20 Rooms, lavatory areas and comfort rooms, and other physical facilities; repair
21 and repainting of PGH buildings and its environment;
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23 **SEC. 5. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Council. -**

24 There is hereby created a Council to be known as PHG Rehabilitation
25 and Modernization Council which shall be headed by the Secretary of Health
26 as its Ex-Officio Chairman and the UP PGH Director as Co-Chairman of the
27 Council. Representatives of academic and medical community of UP-PGH
28 shall be appointed as members, and other stakeholders as maybe
29 determined by the Council.
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31 The Council shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive program and
32 guidelines to undertake rehabilitation and improvement of PGH , inventory

1 of deficiencies in its hospital materials, equipments and furniture and
2 fixtures.

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4 **SEC. 6. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund. –**

5 There is hereby created the Philippine General Hospital (PGH)
6 Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund which shall be used exclusively to fund
7 the modernization program provided under this Act.

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9 The national government is hereby mandated to allocate and appropriate
10 One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) which shall comprise the said fund, and
11 which thereafter include whatever funds maybe made available from.

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13 The total amount allocated herein shall be used exclusively for the
14 construction, rehabilitation and/or repair, renovation of PGH, the
15 procurement of hospital materials, equipments, furniture and fixtures
16 pursuant to the program and guidelines as determined by the Council.

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18 Provided, that all unexpected balance, after the completion of the
19 work and/or procurement authorized for each fiscal year, shall at once
20 revert to the National Treasury to the credit of the appropriation provided
21 for under this Act and shall not be withdrawn from it nor expended except
22 for the purpose indicated herein.

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24 Such unexpended balance for any fiscal year shall be added to the
25 appropriation for the next fiscal year and expended accordingly.

26 The modernization Fund shall be administered in accordance with
27 government auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

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29 **SEC. 6. Bidding. –** Any provision of law to the contrary
30 notwithstanding, funds allocated under the provision of this Act shall be
31 executed through public bidding in accordance with the existing
32 government rules and regulations.

1 **SEC. 7. Annual Report** - The Secretary of Health and the Director of
2 the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) shall submit to the Office of the President
3 and the Congressional Committees on Health, a quarterly report on the
4 progress of the modernization program for the duration of its implementation.
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6 **SEC. 8. Separability.** - Should any provision of this Act be found
7 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the
8 remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the
9 remaining provisions of this Act.
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11 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.**- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
12 after its complete publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general
13 circulation.
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