Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 458



Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DRAFT A PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS AND TO POST THE SAME AT THE ENTRANCE OF EVERY HOSPITAL, CLINIC, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY AND IN OTHER CONSPICUOUS AREAS THEREIN

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

WHEREAS, right to health is a fundamental human right recognized among various United Nations declarations and treaties to which the Philippines is a State Party;

WHEREAS, the United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services."²

WHEREAS, this human right to health (specifically the availability thereof and immediate access thereto) is also recognized in t, to which the Philippines is a State Party;

WHEREAS, the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights provides that "The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health."

WHEREAS, there is a need to remind the public of every person's right to health and of the protection the state affords such right;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is still yet to have an official Patients' Bill of Rights duly consulted with the people and, thereafter, duly published and disseminated;

¹ Sec. 15, Article II.

² Article 25.

³ Sec. 1, Article 12.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Health to urge the Department of Health to draft an official Patients' Bill of Rights upon due notice and consultation and to post the same at the entrance of every hospital, clinic, and other health care facility and in other conspicuous areas therein.

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