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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2677**



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*Introduced by Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga*

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**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. 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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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF  
PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), CREATING PGH REHABILITATION  
AND MODERNIZATION FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION. 1. Title** – This Act shall be known as “The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Act of 2019”

**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.

Towards this end, the State shall undertake the modernization of the country's largest government hospital administered by the university, and designated as the National University Hospital.

**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:

- (a) undertake measures to improve the current state of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH);
- (b) provide greater awareness by the public of the systems being offered by PGH through various programs and projects and other related information;
- (c) upgrade, modernize, acquire and procure state-of-the-art medical equipment, the latest model of clinical apparatus, instruments, the renovation and modernization of its facilities and the application of the new technologies to improve the hospital's capabilities in providing timely and reliable medical services for its patients.

**SEC. 4. Program Description** - The modernization program under this Act shall principally be a re-tooling of PGH with modern equipment and facilities, including but not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-date medical instruments, tools and apparatus; repair major areas which need to be rehabilitated such as patient rooms and wards, Operating and Delivery Rooms, lavatory areas and comfort rooms, and other physical facilities; repair and repainting of PGH buildings and its environment;

**SEC. 5. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Council.** - There is hereby created a Council to be known as PHG Rehabilitation and Modernization Council which shall be headed by the Secretary of Health as its Ex-Officio Chairman and the UP PGH Director as Co-Chairman of the Council. Representatives of academic and medical community of UP-PGH shall be appointed as members, and other stakeholders as maybe determined by the Council.

The Council shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive program and guidelines to undertake rehabilitation and improvement of PGH , inventory of deficiencies in its hospital materials, equipments and furniture and fixtures.



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

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

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

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

Such unexpended balance for any fiscal year shall be added to the appropriation for the next fiscal year and expended accordingly. The modernization Fund shall be administered in accordance with government auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

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

**SEC. 7. Annual Report** - The Secretary of Health and the Director of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) shall submit to the Office of the President and the Congressional Committees on Health, a quarterly report on the progress of the modernization program for the duration of its implementation.

**SEC. 8. Separability.** - Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.**- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,