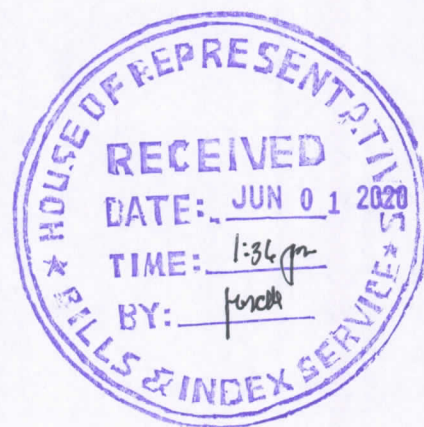


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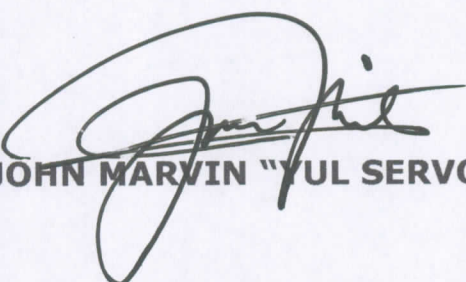
Our country, along with the rest of world, has been dealing with the emergence of the COVID-19 disease that has greatly impacted several lives.

The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. (World Health Organization)

Despite the efforts of various government agencies to address this public health emergency, cases of persons infected with the new coronavirus are still on the rise. Several communities have run out of supply of medical equipment and are severely lacking in facilities to hold infected patients in order to avoid further spread of the disease.

This bill seeks to establish quarantine and isolation facilities in every region of the country to curb the spread of the infectious diseases and address the needs of the patients seeking medical care in the community.

In light of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION FACILITIES IN EVERY REGION IN THE COUNTRY , PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This act shall be known as the "Regional Quarantine and Isolation Facilities Act of 2020".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the declared policy of the State to improve the delivery of health care services to the people, and to protect the from public health threats. Towards this end, there is a need to establish quarantine facilities every region in the country to address the emergence of highly infectious diseases and prevent its spread to the general community.

Sec. 3. Definition of terms. -

A. Infectious Disease - Infectious diseases are caused by pathogenic microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the diseases can be spread, directly or indirectly, from one person to another. Some are transmitted by insects or other animals. And you may get others by consuming contaminated food or water or being exposed to organisms in the environment.

B. Isolation Facility - A facility that separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

C. Quarantine Facility - A facility that separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. These people may have been exposed to a disease and do not know it, or they may have the disease but do not show symptoms.

Sec. 4. Establishment of Quarantine and Isolation Facilities - There shall be established quarantine and isolation facilities in every region in the country. The facilities shall be fully equipped with medical services and basic necessities in accordance with the international standards and guidelines of the World Health Organization.

The construction of such facilities is subject to the approval of the Department of Health in coordination with the Department of Local and Interior Government, and local government units concerned.

Sec. 5. Operations and Management of the Isolation and Quarantine Facilities. - The Department of Health shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of the quarantine facilities established under this Act. The Department of Health shall issue guidelines on the procedure and proper use of quarantine and isolation facilities within thirty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 6. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to establish and operate quarantine and isolation facilities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Health, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws inconsistent with this law are hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees executive order, rules and regulations, or parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,