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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Sec. 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that:
"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Furthermore, in Article XIII, Sec. 11, it is also stated 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 costs. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children."

It is in this light and spirit that this legislation is being proposed by the entire Philippine General Hospital (PGH) family, who believe that the creation of plantilla medical specialists items would provide them with an advantage as they continue to provide quality and affordable medical and health care services to the Filipino people specially the underprivileged sick, elderly women and children.

The pool of medical specialists will be composed of graduates of post-residency fellowship training programs of the PGH.

With the creation of these additional items at the country's premiere government hospital, it is expected that this will lead the way for its institutionalization in other government hospital specially those in the tertiary level where post-residency training programs are also administered due to the immense benefits that will be derived therefrom, particularly in the improvement of its current health care delivery system.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PLANTILLA MEDICAL SPECIALISTS I AND II ITEMS FOR THE POST-RESIDENCY FELLOWS (SUBSPECIALTY TRAINEES) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA-PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (UPM-PGH) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the “PGH Medical Specialists Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – Pursuant to the state policy of protecting and promoting the right to health of the people and instilling health consciousness among them, it is hereby declared the national policy to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall make health and other social sciences available to all the people at affordable costs. Towards, this end, a pool of medical specialists who are graduates of the post-residency fellowship training programs shall be established in government hospitals particularly and specially at the premier public tertiary hospital, the Philippine General Hospital.

SEC. 3. *Creation of Plantilla Medical Specialists Items* – To implement the aforecited national policy, plantilla medical specialists I and II are hereby created at the University of the Philippines Manila-Philippine General Hospital.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations* – An initial allocation of Eighty Five Million Pesos (P85,000,000) shall be included in the General Appropriations Act to support the policies and objectives under this Act. Thereafter, Congress shall provide subsequent appropriations in the annual budget of the University of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the University of the Philippines Board of Regents, together with the Department of Health and the Department of Budget and Management shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,