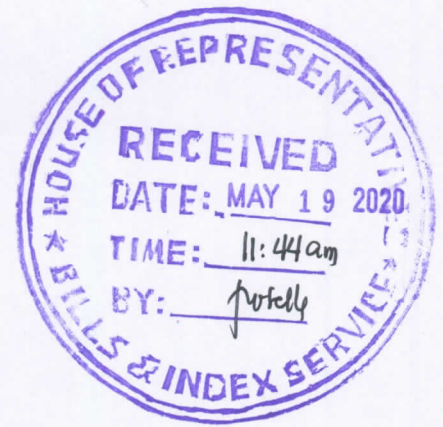


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic has caught the Philippine health authorities ill-prepared. Soon realizing that the hospitals are being overwhelmed with no adequate and suitable quarantine facilities to isolate infectious cases from the general patient population, there have been frenetic but haphazard construction of quarantine facilities throughout the country. This has however compromised not only the convenience but also the safety of patients as well as of our health workers.

It is against this backdrop that this measure is being filed - to launch the systematic construction of quarantine facilities in every region of the country. Even as the current contagion is still a long way off from ceasing, there is absolutely no assurance as to when the next epidemic, if ever, would occur. On the other hand, any stoppage of Covid-19 should always guard against any "second wave" thereof or its re-emergence in various forms. Finally, it goes without saying that adequate quarantine facilities is companion to adequate testing facilities in combating aggressive forms of contagious diseases.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the urgent passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN EVERY  
REGION IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND OTHER PURPOSES**

***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 “Mandatory Quarantine  
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 people from public  
health threats during national health emergencies through the efficient and effective  
response system for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases for  
elimination and eradication, epidemics, and health events including chemical, radio-  
nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern.

Sec. 3. *Establishment of Quarantine Facilities* – There shall be established  
quarantine facilities in every region in the country. The quarantine facilities shall be  
fully equipped to include the needs of individuals who are quarantined including, but  
not limited to, adequate food, clothing, means of communication, and competent  
medical care.

Each location for every quarantine facility shall be identified by the Department  
of Health (DoH) in close coordination with the Department of Public Works and

Highways (DPWH) and local government units (LGUs) concerned; *Provided*, That the quarantine facilities shall be easily accessible to a DoH hospital and shall be strategically located to ensure the safety of the community.

The DPWH, in coordination with the LGUs, shall be in charge of the construction of quarantine facilities, formulation of building specifications based on standards, issuances and other guidelines.

*Sec. 4. Operations and Management of the Quarantine Facilities.* – The DoH shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of the quarantine facilities established under this Act. The DoH shall issue guidelines on the procedure and proper use of quarantine facilities within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

*Sec. 5. Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to establish and operate quarantine facilities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

*Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the DoH, DPWH, DILG, and DENR, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

*Sec. 7. 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. 8. 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. 9. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,