



Committee Daily Bulletin

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Health (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 170, 296, 4011, 4264 and 5021	Reps. Tan (A.), Yap (V.), Villarica, Roman, and Deputy Speaker Romero	Modernizing the regulation of health facilities and services, and appropriating funds therefor, repealing for the purpose RA 4226, otherwise known as the Hospital Licensure Act	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Angelina “Helen” Tan, M.D. (4th District, Quezon), will deliberate further on the draft substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>One of the issues discussed was on the matter of small health facilities, such as spas and other beauty clinics or wellness centers, being allowed to operate by just obtaining a business permit. Standards Development Division head Mary Jane Paez of the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB), Department of Health (DOH), said that granting the Bureau the power to issue license to operate to all public and private health facilities, big and small, will help prevent medical mishaps in the future such as the conduct of major medical operations or procedures by unqualified individuals in these facilities.</p> <p>Rep. Tan agreed with the statement of Paez saying further that allowing health facilities to obtain just a business permit and not a license to operate might put at risk the quality of services to be delivered to the public.</p> <p>Health facilities, as defined in the bill, refer to institutions whether stationary or mobile, land based or otherwise, and other health related establishments which provide any of the following services - diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and other health care services - except medical radiation facilities and hospital or stand-alone pharmacies.</p> <p>Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC) Chief Evelyn Reside said that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) should require even the small health facilities to be certified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to ensure the quality of all health services.</p> <p>FDA’s Center for Device Regulation, Radiation Health, and Research Director Bayani San Juan agreed with the suggestion of Reside.</p>