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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates a comprehensive and integrated health care delivery system.

This bill seeks to address the flaws and issues raised against the decentralization of health services. It intends to solve the problems on our flawed health care system.

This bill was filed in the previous Congress but did not pass into law due to lack of material time. The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE
OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS (LGUs) AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Rationalization of
Devolved Health Services and Facilities Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State that it shall
protect and promote the right of health of the people and instill health consciousness
among them. Further, the State shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and
other srvices available to all people at affordable cost.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – The objectives of this Act are:

- (a) To prevent the further deterioration of government health services and
facilities brought about by devolution;
- (b) To provide essential health services to the people especially the sick, the
poor and marginalized sector of the society;
- (c) To improve and uplift the morale, social and economic well-being of
devolved health workers; and
- (d) To develop a professional health manpower that is responsive to the
people’s health needs and problems.

SEC. 4. *Re-nationalization.* – All health services and facilities devolved to the
local government units are hereby re-nationalized or returned to the national
government. For this purpose, the following provision of the Local Government Code
or RA 7160 are hereby deleted and declared no longer enforceable and effective:

- (a) Section 17 (b) paragraph (l) (ii), paragraphs (3) (iv) and (4) for health
services only;
- (b) Section 102 (1), (2), (3), (b) (1), (2) and (3);
- (c) Section 103 (a) and (b)

- (d) Section 104
- (e) Section 105; and
- (f) Other related provisions of the Local Government Code that pertain to devolved health services and facilities.

SEC. 5. *Authority to Use Income.* – Re-nationalized hospitals and Rural Health Units/ Centers are hereby authorized to use their income derived from their operation to improve and upgrade their services: Provided, That the supporting financial and work plans are first approved by the Secretary of Health.

SEC. 6. *Appropriation.*—In the year following the enactment of this Act into law, the cost of the devolved health services and facilities shall be deducted by the Department of Budget and Management from the Internal Revenue Allotment of the Local Government Units and shall be used as funding source to implement the provision of this Act. Any deficiency shall be charged against the Organizational Adjustment fund and appropriations saving/ reserves. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

The Internal Revenue Allotment of Local Government Units in the succeeding years shall be the net of the cost of devolved health services and facilities.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations within three (3) months after the enactment of this law.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be effected thereby.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,