

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5021**

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**Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State recognizes the importance of establishing Hospitals, that is devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis, treatment and care of individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care.

More so government hospitals are operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the national, provincial, municipal or city government or other political subdivision, department, division, board, institution and other related agency.

Furthermore Private hospitals, shall be established and operated with funds raised or contributed through donations, or by private capital or other means, by private individuals, association, corporation, religious organization, firm, company or joint stock association.

This House Bill seeks to create stiffer standards in **hospital licensure**, construction and operation.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 4226, "OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT", PROVIDING FOR STIFFER  
PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 18 of Republic Act 4226 is hereby amended to  
read as follows:

**SECTION 18. Penalties** — For any violations and non-compliance of this Act, the offending hospital shall pay a fine of not less than Two Million Pesos (**₱2,000,000.00**) for each violation issued by the Licensing Agency and the person(s) charged with supervising compliance with this Act shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than six (**6**) years.

The penalties and sanctions for government-owned and/or controlled hospitals but are managed and/or operated by private entities shall be on the hospitals private operators



and/or managers. Any arrangements to the contrary shall be void.

Any violation of this Act shall also be a ground for the **revocation** of the Hospitals license to operate.

**SECTION 2. TRANSITORY PROVISION** – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

**SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

**SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,