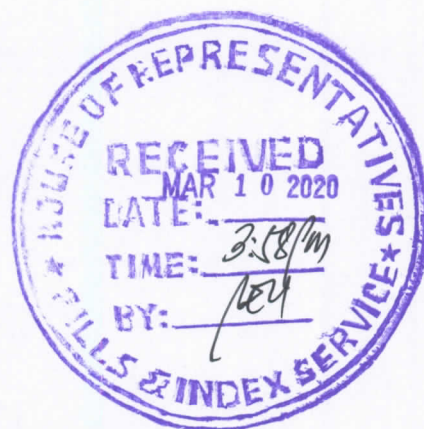


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization (WHO) and all its Member States have long acknowledged epidemic control as a public good. International Health Regulations have likewise recognized that erecting border controls and establishing quarantine and isolation facilities are effective public health strategies to prevent outbreaks and stop spread of infectious diseases.

On March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a state of public health emergency, as additional cases of COVID-19 have been recorded and the first case of local transmission has been confirmed.

The sudden rise of COVID-19 cases and the expected further increase of local transmissions in our country exposed how vulnerable our public health system is to highly infectious diseases. The reluctance of Local Government Units in hosting *ad hoc* quarantine facilities in their localities also demonstrates the need to establish a permanent protocol on isolating persons who have or may have been exposed to contagious diseases.

This bill proposes a long-term solution to help combat infectious diseases in our country by establishing quarantine and isolation facilities in all DOH hospitals. The proposed quarantine and isolation facilities should be designed to address the needs of patients known or suspected to have such infectious diseases, taking into consideration the considerable length of stay of the patients in those facilities, as well as, the severity of their medical conditions.

In light of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES
IN ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) HOSPITALS IN THE
COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR 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 Policies.* – 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 public health emergencies through the efficient and effective response system for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases for elimination and eradication, epidemics, and health event including chemical, radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of Quarantine Facilities.* – Quarantine and isolation facilities shall be established in all existing Department of Health (DOH) hospitals enumerated hereunder and all DOH hospitals which may be instituted hereafter.

1. AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
2. DR. JOSE FABELLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
3. EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER
4. JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
5. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH
6. NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
7. PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

8. QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
9. RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE
10. RIZAL MEDICAL CENTER
11. SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL
12. TONDO MEDICAL CENTER
13. LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
14. NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE
15. PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
16. PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
17. BATANES GENERAL HOSPITAL
18. CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
19. SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL
20. DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
21. LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA CENTER
22. SAN LORENZO RUIZ GENERAL HOSPITAL
23. VALENZUELA MEDICAL CENTER
24. ILOCOS TRAINING AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
25. MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
26. REGION I MEDICAL CENTER
27. BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
28. CONNER DISTRICT HOSPITAL
29. FAR NORTH LUZON GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAINING CENTER
30. LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL
31. BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
32. OSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL
33. MARIVELES MENTAL HOSPITAL
34. PAULINO J. GARCIA MEMORIAL RESEARCH & MEDICAL CENTER
35. TALAVERA GENERAL HOSPITAL
36. BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER
37. CULION SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL
38. OSPITAL NG PALAWAN
39. BICOL MEDICAL CENTER
40. BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL
41. BICOL REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER
42. CORAZON LOCSIN MONTELIBANO MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL
43. DON JOSE MONFORT MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION HOSPITAL
44. WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER
45. WESTERN VISAYAS SANITARIUM
46. DON EMILIO DEL VALLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
47. EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM
48. GOV. CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
49. ST. ANTHONY MOTHER AND CHILD HOSPITAL
50. TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL
51. VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
52. EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
53. SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL AND RESEARCH HOSPITAL
54. BASILAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
55. DR. JOSE RIZAL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
56. LABUAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
57. MARGOSATUBIG REGIONAL HOSPITAL
58. MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM
59. ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER
60. SULU SANITARIUM

61. COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
62. COTABATO SANITARIUM
63. MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR. MEDICAL CENTER
64. NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER
65. AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER
66. DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
67. SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER
68. ADELA SERRA TY MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
69. CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

The quarantine and isolation facilities must be 'residential' and shall be fully equipped to include the needs of individuals who are isolated or quarantined for the 'WHO-required' period of time including, but not limited to adequate food, clothing, means of communication, and competent medical care.

Each of the foregoing hospitals shall allocate at least 25 beds in the proposed quarantine and isolation facilities dedicated to be used during public health emergencies and in other instances as may be deemed necessary by DOH; Provided however, that it may also be used during the normal operations of the hospital in the absence of the aforementioned cases.

The DOH, in coordination with local government units and other relevant government agencies, shall lead the establishment of these facilities.

The DOH shall issue guidelines on the procedure and proper use of quarantine and isolation facilities within thirty (30) days from the effectivity this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. – An initial amount of not more than Twenty-five (25) Million Pesos for each of the existing Sixty-nine (69) DOH hospitals, or a total of 1.725 Billion Pesos shall be charged from the DOH's Health Facilities Enhancement Program. Thereafter, the amount necessary to establish quarantine facilities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, the DOH, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – Any portion or provision of this Act that is declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinance, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,