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**AND PREVENTION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,**  
**AND FOR**  
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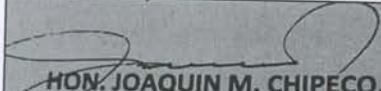
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Covid-19, an unprecedented development, has pushed the country into uncharted waters. It has upended almost every aspect of life, resulting into a new normal of doing things. With thousands of infections and hundreds of deaths, the continuing tragedy is that the end of the pandemic is still nowhere in sight.

Recent experience has shown that the Philippines is ill prepared for this kind of contagion. Inadequate medical and safety protocols, facilities, equipment and supplies have been compounded by insufficient testing and contact tracing and loose enforcement of quarantine measures.

What is very much needed is a centralized and expertly run agency that will address all the foregoing concerns. Like in the United States, this bill intends to create a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that would lead and coordinate all government efforts in fighting diseases which have assumed epidemic proportions. We are now faced with an existential threat and we need to rely on time-tested solutions that will enable us, as a people, not only to survive but to prevail.

For these reasons, the approval, at the earliest time, of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

**CHAPTER I**  
**TITLE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**SECTION 1. *Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Act" or the "Philippine CDC Act."

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State:

- (a) To protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;
- (b) To adopt, support, establish and maintain an effective health mechanism responsive to the country's health, needs, emergency and other emerging health problems;
- (c) To ensure the health and well being of Filipinos and protect them from infectious diseases, chronic diseases and other public health threats;



- I (d) To prevent the emergence and transmission of serious and  
2 communicable diseases;  
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4 (e) To provide a framework for control and prevention of diseases in the  
5 country; and  
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7 (f) To establish a health protection agency that will increase the health  
8 security of the Filipinos and protect them from diseases and other  
9 public health threats, domestically and internationally.

10 In the implementation of the foregoing, the Government shall devote  
11 Significant material and institutional resources to provide for an effective disease  
control and prevention program through a high-level public institution imbued with  
the capacity, competence and authority to confront global and local public health risks.

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16 **SEC. 3. Objectives.** -The objectives of this Act are to:  
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- 18 (a) Protect the Filipino people from the impact of communicable and  
19 non-communicable diseases of public health importance;  
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21 (b) Maintain the highest state alertness to detect and respond to disease  
22 outbreaks, public health disasters, mass morbidity and mortality due  
23 to pathogenic, chemical or biological agents;  
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25 (c) Develop and coordinate capabilities, measures and activities to  
26 control outbreaks and mitigate the health impact of public health  
27 disasters;  
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29 (d) Develop and coordinate an information network for the reporting,  
30 notification of communicable and chronic diseases;  
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32 (e) Develop and make accessible guidelines and standards for relevant  
33 public health activities at all levels in the country;  
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35 (f) Communicate information to the public on the need to protect  
36 themselves from public health threats as well as health professional  
37 on the need to safely manage their patients and protect themselves;  
38 and

- 1 (g) Lead the country's implementation of International Health  
2 Regulations and coordinate its participation in international disease  
3 prevention and control activities by establishing and maintaining  
4 close communication and collaboration with relevant international  
5 health organizations, as well as other foreign States.  
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7 **CHAPTER II**  
8 **DEFINITION OF TERMS**  
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10 **SEC. 4. Definition of Terms-** As used in this Act, the following terms  
11 shall mean:  
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- 13 (a) **Apprehension** - the temporary taking into custody of an individual  
14 or group for purposes of determining whether quarantine, isolation,  
15 or conditional release is warranted.
- 16 (b) **Communicable / Infectious diseases** - infectious diseases or  
17 illnesses due to infectious agents or their toxic products, which may  
18 be transmitted from a reservoir to a susceptible host either directly as from  
19 an infected person or animal or indirectly through the agency of an  
20 intermediate plant or animal host, vector, or the inanimate  
21 environment.
- 22 (c) **Detention** - the temporary holding of a person, ship, aircraft, or  
23 other carrier, animal, or thing in such place and for such period of  
24 time as may be determined by the Executive Director.
- 25 (d) **Disease** - an illness due to a specific toxic substance, occupational  
26 exposure or infectious agent, which affects a susceptible individual,  
27 either directly or indirectly, as from an infected animal or person, or  
28 indirectly through an intermediate host, vector, or the environment.
- 29 (e) **Disease control** - the reduction of disease incidence, prevalence,  
30 morbidity or mortality to a focally acceptable level as a result of  
31 deliberate efforts and continued intervention measures to maintain  
32 the reduction.
- 33 (f) **Disease surveillance** the ongoing systematic collection, analysis,  
34 interpretation, and dissemination of outcome-specific data for use in the  
35 planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health  
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practice. A disease surveillance system includes the functional capacity for data analysis as well as the timely dissemination of these data to persons who can undertake effective prevention and control activities;

(g) **Disinfection** - the killing of infectious agents or inactivation of their toxic products outside the body by direct exposure to chemical or physical agents.

(h) **Disinfestation** - any chemical or physical process serving to destroy or remove undesired small animal forms, particularly arthropods or rodents, present upon the person, the clothing, or the environment of an individual, or upon animals and carriers.

(i) **Emerging or re-emerging infectious diseases** - are diseases that have recently appeared within a population or those whose incidence or geographic range is rapidly increasing or threatens to increase in the near future, that:

- (1) have not occurred in humans before;
- (2) have occurred previously but affected only small numbers of people in isolated areas;
- (3) are caused by previously undetected or unknown infectious agents;
- (4) are due to mutant or resistant strains of a causative organism or bacteria; and
- (5) Re-emergence of agents whose incidence of disease had significantly declined in the past, but whose incidence of disease has reappeared.

(j) **Epidemic/outbreak** - an occurrence of disease in excess of normal expectancy within a specific place or group of people over a given period of time;

(k) **Epidemiological investigation** - refers to an inquiry to the incidence, prevalence, extent, source, mode of transmission, causation of, and other information pertinent to a disease occurrence;

(l) **Epidemiology** - the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events (including disease), and the

2 application of this study to the control of diseases and other health  
3 problems;

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6 (m) **Executive Director** refers to the Executive Director of the CDC.

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8 (n) **Isolation** - the separation of an individual or group reasonably  
9 believed to be infected with a quarantinable communicable disease  
10 from those who are healthy to prevent the spread of the  
11 quarantinable communicable disease.

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13 (o) **Health event of public health concern/Public health event** -  
14 refers to either a public health emergency or a public health threat  
15 due to biological, chemical, radio-nuclear and environmental agents;

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17 (p) **Notifiable disease** - a disease that, by legal requirements, must be  
18 reported to the public health authorities.

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20 (q) **Public health emergency** - refers to an occurrence or imminent  
21 threat of an illness or health condition that:

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23 (1) Is caused by any of the following:

24 (i) Bioterrorism;

25 (ii) (Appearance of a novel or previously controlled or  
26 eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin;

27 (iii) A natural disaster;

28 (iv) A chemical attack or accidental release;

29 (v) A nuclear attack or accident;or

30 (vi) An attack or accidental release of radioactive materials;and

31 (2) Poses a high probability of any of thefollowing:

32 (i) A large number of deaths in the affected population;

33 (ii) A large number of serious injuries or long-term disabilities in  
34 the affected population;

35 (iii) Widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that  
36 poses a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number  
37 of people in the affected population;

38 (iv) International exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that  
39 poses a significant risk to the health of citizens of other  
countries;or

I (v) Trade and travel restrictions.



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- 3 (r) **Port** - means any place in the Philippines and any navigable river or
- 4 channel leading to such place under the Revised Charter of the
- 5 Philippine Ports Authority and includes an airport.
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- 7 (s) **Public health threat** - any situation or factor that may represent a
- 8 danger to the health of the people due to biological, chemical, radio-
- 9 nuclear and environmental agents.
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- 11 (t) **Public health prevention measures** - the assessment of an
- 12 Individual through non-invasive procedures and other means, such as
- 13 observation, questioning, review of travel documents, records
- 14 review, and other non-invasive means, to determine the individual's
- 15 health status and potential public health risk to others.
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- 17 (u) **Quarantine** - the compulsory detention in isolation or separation of .
- 18 an individual or group reasonably believed to have been exposed to
- 19 a quarantinable communicable disease, but who are not yet ill, from
- 20 others who have not been so exposed, to prevent the possible
- 21 spread of the quarantinable communicable disease.
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- 23 (v) **Response** - refers to the implementation of specific activities to
- 24 control further spread of infection, outbreaks or, epidemics and
- 25 prevent re-occurrence. It includes verification, contact tracing, rapid
- 26 risk assessment, case measures, treatment of patients, risk
- 27 communication, conduct of prevention activities, and rehabilitation.
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30 **CHAPTER III**

31 **CREATION AND FUNCTIONS**

32 **OFA NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISEASE**

33 **CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

34 **SEC. 5. *Creation of the Philippine Center of Disease Control and***

35 ***Prevention.***-(a) There is hereby created an independent body to be known as

36 the Philippine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, hereinafter referred to

37 as "CDC"

38 (b) The CDC shall be the country's epidemiology and surveillance body

1 sufficiently funded and equipped with bio-safety level 2 to 4 laboratories.

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4 (c) The CDC shall be the principal agency tasked to identify, assess  
5 and communicate current and emerging threats to human health posed by  
6 diseases of national and international importance and other health risks of public  
7 concern.

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9 (d) The CDC shall carry out activities for the prevention and control of  
10 communicable diseases for promotion of public health.

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12 (e) The CDC shall be attached to the Department of Health for policy  
13 and program coordination.

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16 **SEC. 6. Functions.** - The CDC shall have the following functions:

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18 (a) Prevent, detect, monitor and control diseases of national and  
19 international public health importance, including emerging and re-  
20 emerging diseases;

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22 (b) Maintain active surveillance of diseases through epidemiologic and  
23 laboratory investigations and data collection, analysis, and distribution,

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25 (c) Develop, maintain and coordinate systems of and database for  
26 epidemiological surveillance, in order to detect public health threats,  
27 guide health interventions and set public health priorities;

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29 (d) Investigate disease outbreaks and other threats to public health;

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31 (e) Develop and maintain a network of reference and specialized  
32 laboratories for pathogen detection, disease surveillance and outbreak  
33 response;

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35 (f) Strengthen diagnostic capacity for and laboratory surveillance of  
36 Infectious diseases;

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38 (g) Develop and maintain guidelines and processes for specimen  
39 collection and transportation to reference laboratories;

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2 ( Conduct, collate, synthesize and disseminate public health research to  
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3 inform policy and guide on diseases of public health importance, and  
4 put in place a national public health research agenda and databases;  
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6 (i Maintain a Registry of Notifiable Diseases, which shall be published  
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7 and updated online;  
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9 (j Strengthen national health information systems to support prevention  
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1 and control measures of communicable diseases;  
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1 (k Provide information to the public through multiple platforms on  
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1 diseases and public health events;  
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1 (l Coordinate the operationalization of, and ongoing international health  
5 regulations, including regional disease surveillance and  
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6 activities and lead the collaboration with global health agencies;  
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1 ( Provide support and coordinate the control of national and trans-  
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2 border responses to mass public health emergencies, such as mass  
0 casualties, floods, nuclear, biological, and chemical terrorism, disease  
2 outbreaks and heavy metal poisoning;  
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2 (n Develop and maintain a communication network with all public health  
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2 institutions, with roles in mitigating the impact of diseases;  
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- (o) Provide scientific guidelines for local production of vaccines and other biological agents, such as diagnostic kits, sera and anti-sera, food science and nutritional products, and other related substances useful for health services, through locally developed technology or technology transfer;
- (p) Provide support to the Department of Health for the development of evidence-based guidelines and policies, as well as the implementation of programmes relating to disease prevention and control, in line with international guidelines and recommendations;

- 1 (q) Provide guidance, technical and logistic support to the Local  
2 Governments preventing and managing the emergence and  
3 transmission of communicable diseases;  
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- 5 (r) Provide technical support to relevant government institutions on  
6 environmental health activities, as it relates to disease prevention,  
7 control and emergency disaster response;  
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- 9 (s) Provide technical support for health disaster risk-reduction and  
10 management in collaboration with other major stockholders in the  
11 country;  
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- 13 (t) Implement relevant decisions and regulations of the Department of  
14 Health as regard to disease control, prevention and disaster  
15 management;  
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- 17 (u) Recommend to the Secretary of Health the parameters for the  
18 declaration of the existence of an epidemic;  
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- 20 (v) Set the standards and the process for the establishment of  
21 Epidemiology and Surveillance Units, as required under Section 8 of  
22 Republic Act No. 11332, and assist DOH-retained hospitals, local  
23 health facilities and private hospitals and laboratories in establishing  
24 ESUs and assess their performance  
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- 26 (w) Lead the training of field epidemiologists through the Philippine Field  
27 Epidemiology Training Programme; and  
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- 29 (x) Perform such function as may mandated by law or duly delegated by  
30 relevant authorities, as well as those that may be necessary or  
31 expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act.  
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33 CDC shall submit an annual detailed cost of work plans relating to its  
34 functions to the Secretary of Health for approval.  
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36 **SEC. 7. Powers.** - The CDC shall have the following powers:  
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- 38 (a) Lead the response to disease outbreaks, public health emergencies  
39 and disasters in order to minimize the impact on health;



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- 2 (b) Obtain or require submission of information, data, clinical samples and
- 3 report on diseases of public health relevance and control of public
- 4 health events, including communicable diseases, emergencies and
- 5 disasters within the Philippines;
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- 7 (c) Develop and enforce the use of standards, protocols and guidelines for
- 8 disease prevention and control, including diagnostics, disease
- 9 detection and reporting in compliance with international best
- 10 practices;
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- 12 (d) Collaborate with the Ports and Airports Health Services Division of the
- 13 Department of Health to operate quarantine services, including
- 14 inspection, isolation, detection and management of quarantine
- 15 stations at points of entry into the Philippines to prevent the entry of
- 16 communicable diseases from foreign countries into and within the
- 17 Philippines;
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- 19 (e) Implement and coordinate disease detection, prevention and control
- 20 activities, including international health regulations, surveillance,
- 21 disease preparedness and response, capacity building for health
- 22 workers, research and ethical standards as it relates to disease of
- 23 public health importance;
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- 25 (f) Coordinate relevant health sectors on the preparation and response to
- 26 public health emergencies and disasters in the country, including
- 27 networking and liaising with relevant establishments within and
- 28 outside the Philippines pursuant to the functions of CDC;
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- 30 (g) Accredite Epidemiology and Surveillance Units based on the standards
- 31 set by CDC; and
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- 33 (h) Perform such acts as may be necessary for or incidental to discharge
- 34 its functions under this Act.
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36 **CHAPTER V**

37 **OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE,**

38 **MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE CENTER**

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1       **SEC. 8. Local Centers and Field Offices.** The Center shall have local  
2 centers and field offices with concomitant laboratories with at least bio-safety  
3 levels 2 , 3 and 4 (BSL 2, BSL 3 and BSL 4) geographically dispersed across the  
4 Philippines.

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6       **SEC. 9. Operational Structure.** Subject to the determination of the  
7 Secretary of Health, in consultation with public health experts, the operational  
8 structure of CDC may comprise of:

9       (a) Office of the Executive-Director;

10       (b) Divisions headed by Directors:

11           (1) Outbreak and Health Emergencies Preparedness and Response

12           (2) Epidemiology and Surveillance

13           (3) Planning, Research and Statistics

14           (4) Laboratory and Diagnostic Services,

15           (5) Infectious Diseases

16           (6) Non-Infectious Diseases;

17           (7) Finance and Accounts, and

18           (8) Human Resources and Administration.

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20       (c) Such other departments as may be required for the proper  
21 performance and functions of CDC.

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23       **SEC. 10. Transfer of Agencies.** - (a) *Functions and Properties.* The  
24 following offices and agencies are hereby abolished and their powers and  
25 functions, applicable funds and appropriations, records, equipment and property  
26 are transferred to the CDC:

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28           (1) Disease Prevention and Control Bureau of the Department of  
29 Health

30           (2) The Epidemiology Bureau of the Department of Health

31           (3) The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine.

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33       (b) *Personnel* Employees of the abolished agencies or offices that occupies  
34 non-technical positions shall be transferred to CDC. Officers and employees  
35 occupying technical positions must qualify and shall comply with the eligibility  
36 requirements set forth in Section 13.

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38       **SEC. 11. Executive Director.** - (a) *Appointment* The CDC shall be  
38 headed by an Executive Director, with the rank of Undersecretary, who shall be



1 appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health,  
on the basis of technical expertise, academic background and appropriate work  
experience.

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5 (b) *Eligibility.* The Executive Director shall be a public health professional  
6 with at least 15 years of post-graduate qualification experience in relevant  
7 fields of medicine or public health. The Executive Director shall also possess  
8 a masteral or PhD degree in Epidemiology or other allied sciences. No  
9 person shall be eligible for appointment as Executive Director without  
10 satisfactorily passing the examination referred to in Section 13.

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12 (c) *Powers and functions.* The Executive Director shall perform the  
13 following functions and powers:

- 14 (1) Manage and direct the activities of CDC;
- 15 (2) Coordinate CDC response to health emergencies;
- 16 (3) Certify to the existence of an epidemic, which shall be treated as  
17 a public health emergency;
- 18 (4) Recommend to the President the exercise of special powers in  
19 the case of an epidemic;
- 20 (5) Coordinate international health activities relating to disease  
21 prevention and control;
- 22 (6) Liaise with other government agencies, international  
23 organizations, including the World Health Organization, learning  
24 institutions and other outside groups;
- 25 (7) Appoint employees of CDC in accordance with civil service law,  
26 rules and regulations and Section 13 of this Act;

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28 (d) *Tenure.* To ensure and uphold the independence of CDC, the  
29 Executive Director shall have security of tenure and shall not be removed  
30 from office unless for cause.

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32 (e) *Removal.* Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 11 (d), the  
33 Executive Director may be removed from office by the President of the  
34 Philippine on the following grounds:

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36 (1) Inefficiency and incompetence in the performance of official  
37 duties, *Provided*, that the performance of the Executive Director  
38 shall be evaluated by a panel formed for that purpose, which

shall be composed of the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and public health experts; and

- (2) Inability to discharge the duty of the office, whether arising from the infirmity of the mind or body, grave misconduct or in the public interests, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and the Civil Service Commission.

**SEC. 12. *Staffing Pattern.*** - The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the public health experts and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the qualification standards, staffing pattern and compensation of the newly created CDC, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SEC. 13. *Examination for Appointment and Promotion.*** - (a).The DOH, in consultation with the National Institute for Health-Center for Epidemiology Unit (NIH..CEU) of the University of the Philippines Manila, other academic institutions and public health experts, is mandated to prescribe and conduct a system of examination of:

- (1) all persons applying for any position requiring technical expertise and special skills to determine their fitness and aptitude to perform the functions or duties of the position applied for.
- (2) all employees and officers to determine their fitness for promotion to an officer-level position,

(b) The Executive Directors, Deputy Directors, Officers and technical employees shall only be appointed or promoted upon conferment of eligibility by the Department of Health, which shall be granted after undergoing and passing the examination referred to in subsection 13(a).

(c) No officer or employee who fails to pass the examination satisfactorily and reported unfit for promotion shall be eligible for appointment or promotion to a managerial/officer level position.

**CHAPTER V**  
**LABORATORIES, EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER AND EARLY**  
**WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM**



**SEC.15. Biological Laboratories.** (a) *Establishment.* There shall be established High Containment Laboratories or Bio-Safety Level 3 and 4 (BSL-3 and BSL-4) laboratories that are accessible and concomitant to the CDC national offices and local centers. The State shall endeavor to construct and fund at least one (1) BSL-4 laboratory and at least five (5) BSL-3 laboratories within ten (10) years from the effectivity of this Act. CDC shall also construct, equip and maintain such number of Bio-Safety Level 2 (BSL-2) laboratories as necessary. For this purpose, the CDC may partner with academic institutions, private companies, non-profit institutions, foreign states or international organizations.

11 (b) *Funding.* Appropriations for the construction and maintenance of  
12 biological laboratories referred to in subsection 15(a) of this Act shall be provided  
13 in the General Appropriations Act.

15 (c) *Oversight and regulatory functions.* The CDC shall exercise supervisory  
16 and oversight functions over bio safety levels 2 laboratories in the country. High..  
11 containment (BSL-3 and BSL 4) laboratories must be registered with and shall be  
15 regulated by the CDC.

20       **SEC.16. *Emergency Operation Center.*** - There shall be established  
21       an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a central control tower to  
22       respond to infectious disease emergencies.

**SEC. 17. Early Warning and Response System.** - The CDC shall operate an Early Warning and Response System, which will ensure that the national government and local government units are able to respond in a timely and coordinated manner to emerging health threats in the country.

29           The CDC shall take action to ensure that the early warning and response  
30   system is efficiently and effectively linked with other forms of community alert  
31   systems.

## CHAPTER VI

### DISEASE MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

**SEC. 18. Public Health Surveillance Programme.** (a) The Executive Director may, from time to time, institute public health surveillance programmes or undertake epidemiological investigations or surveys of people, animals or

1 vectors in order to determine the existence, prevalence or incidence, or to  
2 determine the likelihood of a possible outbreak, of:

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- 4 1. any infectious disease; or
- 5 2. any other disease which the CDC or the Secretary of Health, by
- 6 notification in the Official Gazette and in the official website of CDC and  
the Department of Health, declares to be a disease which this section  
applies.

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10 (b) For the purpose of any public health surveillance programme,  
11 epidemiological investigation or survey under subsection 17(a), the Executive  
12 Director may issue an order requiring any person to furnish CDC, within the  
13 period stated therein, with:

- 14 1. such information as he may require and
  - 15 2. any sample of any substance or matter in the possession of that
  - 16 person or control of that person, whether taken pursuant to this
  - 17 Act or otherwise, as he may consider necessary or appropriate.
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19 **SEC. 19. *Obligation of Local Government Units*** - Local government  
20 units must provide the CDC in a timely manner available health and technical  
21 data relevant to the prevention and control of diseases.

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23 **SEC. 20. *Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Disease and Health***  
24 ***Events of Public Health Concern.*** (a) *Transfer of functions.* CDC shall perform  
25 the functions and obligations of the Epidemiology Bureau and the Department of  
26 Health under Sections 5 and 6 of Republic Act No.11332, otherwise known as  
27 "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health  
28 Concern Act"

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30 (b) *Mandatory reporting.* All public and private physicians, allied  
31 medical personnel, professional societies, hospitals, clinics, health facilities,  
32 laboratories, institutions, workplaces, schools, prisons, ports, airports,  
33 establishments, communities, other government agencies, and NGOs are  
34 required to accurately and immediately report notifiable diseases and health  
35 events of public health concern to CDC;

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37 **CHAPTER VII**  
38 **MEASURES FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**  
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1           **SEC. 21. Authority to Promulgate and Enforce Rules and**  
2           **Regulations and Providing Penalties for Their Violations.-**           The Executive

3           Director is authorized to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations as are  
4           necessary to control and prevent diseases within the country and to prevent the  
5           introduction, transmission or spread of communicable diseases from foreign  
6           countries into the Philippines or from one (1) domestic seaport/airport to another. For  
          purposes of implementing these regulations, the Executive Director may provide public  
          health preventive measures and intervention strategies such as health education and  
          advisories, apprehensions, detention, isolation, quarantine inspections, fumigation,  
          disinfection, disinfection, pest extermination, vaccination for international travel,  
          medical examination of aliens/foreigners and destruction of animals or articles found to  
          be infected or contaminated as to be sources of infection to human beings in  
          coordination with other concerned quarantine agencies such as veterinary quarantine,  
          plant quarantine, etc. and other measures as the Executive Director's judgment may be  
          necessary.

11           **SEC. 22. Measures in the Event of Inadequate Local Control of**  
1s           **Communicable Diseases.** -Whenever the Executive Director determines that  
19           the measures taken by the health authorities of the Local Government Units are  
20           insufficient to prevent the outbreak of an infectious disease or spread of any of  
21           the communicable diseases, the Executive Director may take such measures to  
22           prevent such spread of the diseases as he/she deems reasonably necessary,  
23           including inspection, fumigation, disinfection, sanitation, pest extermination, and  
24           destruction of animals or articles believed to be sources of infection.

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26           **SEC. 23. Quarantine Stations.** - The Executive Director, in  
27           coordination with the Bureau of Quarantine, with the approval of the Secretary of  
28           Health, may establish such additional quarantine stations, grounds and  
29           anchorage if, in the Executive Director's judgement, these are necessary to  
30           prevent the introduction of diseases of international concern into the country.  
31           The Bureau of Quarantine shall retain its jurisdiction and functions provided  
32           under Republic Act No. 9271, otherwise known as "Quarantine Act of 2004."  
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34           **SEC. 24. Special Supervision over the Bureau of Quarantine.** -  
35           During a Public Health Emergency, in the interest of preventing a disease  
36           outbreak, endemic or pandemic, the Bureau of Quarantine shall report directly to  
37           the Executive Director. The CDC shall have full access to information in the  
38           possession of the Bureau of Quarantine.  
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1       **SEC. 25. *Wakes and Disposal of Corpses.*** (a) When any person has  
2 died whilst being, or suspected of being, a case or carrier or contact of a  
3 communicable disease, the Executive Director may impose such conditions  
4 necessary for the conduct of the wake of the deceased, or the collection,  
5 removal and disposal of the body of that person.  
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7       (b) Any Health Officer of the Department of Health or CDC may take  
8 such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the order is complied with.  
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10       **SEC. 26. *Penalties.*** = Any person who violates any regulation prescribed  
11 or order issued pursuant this Chapter, or who enters or departs from the limit of  
12 any quarantine station, ground or anchorage in disregard of quarantine rules and  
13 regulations or without permission of the quarantine officer-in-charge shall be  
14 punished by fine of not more than Five Million Pesos (Php 5,000,000.00) or by  
15 imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.  
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## 17                                   **CHAPTER VIII** 18                                   **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS** 19

20       **SEC. 27. *Annual Report.*** - CDC shall submit to Congress an annual  
21 evaluation of the current and emerging threats to health in the country and  
22 recommend such measures and policies as may be necessary to prevent the  
23 transmission of communicable diseases  
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25       **SEC. 28. *Appropriations.*** - The amount needed for the initial  
26 implementation of this Act shall be taken from the current fiscal year's  
27 appropriation of the offices and agency herein absorbed by the CDC. Thereafter,  
28 the amount needed for the operation and maintenance of the CDC shall be  
29 included in the General Appropriations Act.  
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31       **Section 29. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act shall be  
32 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected  
33 shall remain in full force and effect.  
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35       **Section 30. *Repealing Clause.***- All laws, orders, rules and regulations,  
36 other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are  
37 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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1           **Section 31. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)  
2 days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of  
3 general circulation.

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5           Approved,