

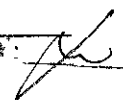
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution explicitly provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. This bill seeks to provide an additional levy on real property by amending Section 235 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" to create a special health fund. The special health fund should be allocated for the purpose of maintenance of public hospitals, construction and repair of health centers and facilities, purchase of medicine and for other purposes. 

Ensuring that funds will be made available for its purpose will help in improving the health care services in the local government units which at present is inadequate. Government health facilities have acquired increasing notoriety for lack of equipment, medicines and staff.

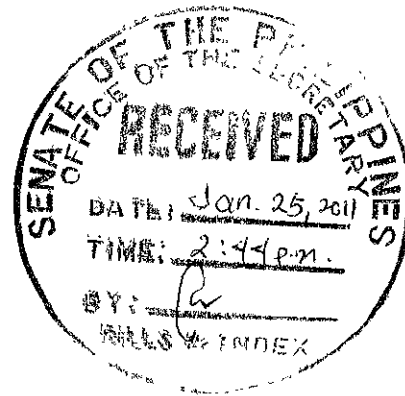
This bill attempts to respond to an urgent need of ensuring better health services delivery to our people.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL LEVY ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE SPECIAL HEALTH FUND, AND AMENDING SECTION 235 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Special Health Fund Act of 2011"

2 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** In pursuance of the policy of the State to protect and promote the
3 right to health of the people, a Special Health Fund is hereby created to promote and implement the
4 delivery of health services and facilities thru the prudent and judicious utilization of the said funds, thru
5 the Local Health Board.

6 **Section 3.** Section 235 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

7 Section 235. *Additional levy on real property for the Special*
8 *Education Fund* **AND SPECIAL HEALTH FUND (SEF).** - Province or city,
9 or a municipality within the Metropolitan Manila Area, may levy and
10 collect an annual tax of **TWO PERCENT (2%)** on the assessed value of
11 real property which shall be in addition to the basic real property
12 tax. The proceeds thereof shall exclusively accrue to the Special
13 Education Fund (SEF) **AND SPECIAL HEALTH FUND (SHF), EACH**
14 **AMOUNTING TO THE EQUIVALENT ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THE**
15 **AFORECITED BASIC REAL PROPERTY TAX. ALLOCATION AND**
16 **APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: A)**

1 THE PROCEEDS OF THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1%) REAL
2 PROPERTY TAX ACCRUING TO SPECIAL HEALTH FUND SHALL BE
3 AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED TO THE LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS. B)
4 IN CASE OF PROVINCES, THE PROCEEDS OF THE SPECIAL HEALTH
5 FUND SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL AND
6 MUNICIPAL HEALTH BOARDS. C) SAID PROCEEDS SHALL BE
7 ALLOCATED AS DETERMINED AND APPROVED BY THE LOCAL
8 HEALTH BOARDS CONCERNED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING
9 PURPOSES:

- 10 1. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, RURAL HEALTH CENTERS;
- 11 2. CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF HEALTH CENTERS, HEALTH FACILITIES AND
12 EQUIPMENT;
- 13 3. MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH;
- 14 4. PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, IF WARRANTED; AND
- 15 5. TRAINING OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

16 **Section 4. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such
17 sections or parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

18 **Section 5. Repealing Clause.** All decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or
19 parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20 **Section 6. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in
21 at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

22 Approved,