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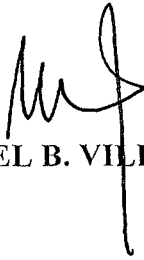
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prostate cancer is now one of the leading causes of death among Filipino males. Statistics show that about 25 percent of men afflicted with prostate cancer die ultimately. Patients who survive the cancer still require treatment to ease symptoms such as pain, bleeding and urinary obstruction.

The American Cancer Society and the American Urological Association recommend that men forty (40) years or older undergo periodic testing for the early detection of prostate cancer. Early detection will prevent future disease progression. Also, treatment in the early stages of cancer is less than when done in its advanced stages.

This bill seeks to establish a program to educate the public and increase awareness on prostate cancer.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON
PROSTATE CANCER**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the "Prostate Cancer
Public Awareness Act."

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms - For purposes of this Act, the term -

(a) "Director" means the Director of the Non-Communicable Disease Control
Service of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. Establishment of Program for Public Education on Prostate Cancer. - The
Director shall carry out a program on prostate cancer. Through the program, he shall conduct or
support activities --

- (a) to educate males who are forty (40) yeas of age or older on the need to
periodically undergoing physical examinations or such cancers,
including education on the frequency and type of such examination
that are appropriate for various age groups of such men; and
- (b) to educate males on the availability and appropriateness of procedures
for detecting he cancer in its early stages, including the procedure
known as prostate ultrasound.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision, or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule and regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two(2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,