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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the medical facilities of all health centers in the cities and capital towns of provinces to enable them to provide basic medical services to the general public and give medical treatment to the workers who suffer injuries or illnesses during their employment.

Although the Labor Code requires employers to provide their employees medical services and facilities, it does not however, provide for all the medical requirements of workers during their employment. The inadequacies may be seen in the employment of part-time physicians and part-time dentists or the requirement for physicians and dentist at risk of not being immediately given medical attention when they incur injuries or illness during their employment. Another inadequacy is the employment only of first aider or nurse who may not have an adequate training, to provide emergency treatment of unusual injuries or illness of workers.

This bill aims therefore to provide for the inadequacies in the implementation of the Labor Code's provision for medical services for the workers. It hopes to supplement the medical services provided by the employers to their workers. By upgrading the medical facilities of the health centers, they will be able to engage, not only in their traditional role of providing basic medical service to the general public, but also of giving medical treatment to workers, especially those belonging to the rank-and-file, who suffer from injuries or illnesses due to the dangers and hazards they encounter in their workplaces.

The immediate passage of this bill is fervently called for.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADING OF THE MEDICAL FACILITIES OF ALL HEALTH CENTERS IN THE CITIES AND CAPITAL TOWNS OF PROVINCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEROF

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Health shall upgrade the medical facilities of all health centers in the cities and capital towns of provinces for the purpose of extending medical treatment to workers who suffer occupational injuries or illness.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the next General Appropriations Act for the Department of Health for the current year. Thereafter, such amount as may be needed for the maintenance and continued operations of the health centers shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law thereafter.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,