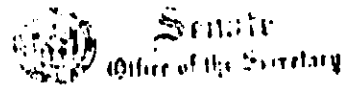


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides:

Section 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Health care is an issue that concerns all of us. Our Constitution provides that the State should ensure that health services are available to our people at all times. However, the current power crisis experienced in many parts of our country provides a limitation to this access by creating a stoppage in the hospital crisis due to power outages. One of the ways we can fight this is to make our major hospitals less dependent on mass supplied electricity and encourage them to provide for power supply for their most essential pieces of equipment and services.

This bill mandates the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out projects for the purpose of reducing energy costs and increasing resilience to improve security.¹

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “Hospital Energy
2 Independence Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Establishments and Purpose.* – The Secretary of Energy (Secretary)
4 shall establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry
5 out energy conservation projects for the purpose of:

- 6 a. significantly improving the energy efficiency of such hospitals; and
- 7 b. encouraging onsite power generation and energy storage, capable of
8 operating independent of the grid, and providing sufficient onsite emergency backup
9 power for essential hospital functions.

10 SECTION 3. *Number of Hospitals.* – The Secretary shall award grants and loan
11 guarantees under the pilot program to no more than six hospitals within three years from
12 implementation of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. *Applications.* – A hospital seeking a grant or loan guarantee under
2 the pilot program shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
3 manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require.

4 SECTION 5. *Considerations.* – In selecting a hospital to award a grant or loan
5 guarantee to under the pilot program, the Secretary shall give special consideration to
6 applications from such hospitals that can demonstrate that they are able to commence an
7 energy conservation project more promptly.

8 SECTION 6. *Report.* – Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of
9 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the
10 pilot program. Such report shall include information that would allow for Congress to
11 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and to advance best practices.

12 SECTION 7. *Reporting.* – Two years after the initial implementation of this Act
13 and every two years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the proper
14 committees in Congress. The said report shall contain the recommendations on the
15 improvement of or cessation, if so warranted, of this program.

16 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
17 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
18 provisions hereof.

19 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
20 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
21 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
2 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulation.

Approved,

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