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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the years, the State had exerted efforts to respond to the alarming issue of inadequacy of public health infrastructure. Unfortunately, progress has been slow because of the rapid growth of our nation's population and the lack of funds for building health infrastructure.

This proposed measure aims to establish a priority infrastructure plan for public health facilities to be determined by the Department of Health for a period of five (5) years. The five-year period is meant to improve the quality of our healthcare system by carefully planning and plotting the priority areas for building healthcare facilities and providing a fixed annual budget to achieve such. At the end of the five-year period, it is our vision to be able to build infrastructures to make healthcare accessible to all.

To most effectively protect and promote the health of the population, the nation's entire governmental public health infrastructure must be revitalized and strengthened. This will require political and financial support over time.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill and approval of the same is earnestly sought.

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*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 "*Priority Health*  
2 *Infrastructure Act.*"

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution,  
4 mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people  
5 and instill health consciousness among them.

6 Towards this end, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive  
7 approach to health development by ensuring adequate health facilities to support the  
8 improvement and sustainability of the health care system with the goal of providing  
9 effective and affordable services for the community and improving health outcomes.

10 Sec. 3. *Priority Health Infrastructure.* –The Department of Health (DOH) shall  
11 identify the priority needs for health infrastructures, and shall establish a ten-year plan  
12 to provide for health facilities in priority areas.

13 Sec. 4. *Inter-Agency Committee.* – There is hereby established an Inter-  
14 Agency Committee for the monitoring of the implementation of this Act. The  
15 Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Secretary  
16 of the Department of Budget and Management, Secretary of the Department of Public  
17 Works and Highways, and Director General of the National Economic and  
18 Development Authority (NEDA), or their respective authorized representatives.

1           Sec. 5. *Appropriation.* –The amount of ten billion pesos (10,000,000,000) shall  
2 automatically be included in the annual appropriation of DOH for the next five years  
3 for the implementation of this Act.

4           Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,