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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COVID-19 CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE COVID-19 DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL CENTER**


**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Due to the rising new cases of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or COVID-19 by the day, and the Department of Health and World Health Organization estimating that our country will reach its peak in two (2) to three (3) months, the government must come up with a strong public health approach.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development. The establishment of health care facilities and mechanisms, to respond to medical emergencies such as the COVID-19, is an indispensable element of which.

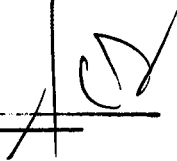
Majority of the hospitals, both public and private, has reached the threshold of their full capacity, there is an urgent need for a single facility for all COVID-19 patients so government can maximize its virus control measures.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is of utmost importance.

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

- 1 **Section 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to adopt an integrated and  
2 comprehensive approach to health development to promote and protect the right to health of  
3 the people and instill consciousness among them.
- 4 **Sec. 2. Establishment.** - There is an urgent need to establish a single facility for all COVID-  
5 19 patients, to be known as the COVID-19 Disease Prevention and Control Center, with a  
6 minimum capacity of twenty thousand (20,000) beds.
- 7 **Sec. 3. Administration.** - The COVID-19 Disease Prevention and Control Center shall be under  
8 full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health, which shall  
9 progressively increase its operating fund, upgrade its medical equipment and facilities, and  
10 construct the necessary infrastructure to implement the provisions of this Act.
- 11 **Sec. 4. Operation and Maintenance.** - The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's  
12 program the establishment and operationalization of the COVID-19 Disease Prevention and  
13 Control Center.

1 **Sec. 5. Appropriations.** - The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be  
2 included in the budget of the Department of Health in the annual General Appropriations Act  
3 of the year following its enactment to law and thereafter.

4 **Sec. 6. Separability.** - If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of  
5 this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

6 **Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of  
7 instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the  
8 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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10 **Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
11 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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13 Approved,