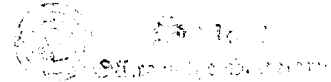


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the World Health Organization, isolating persons who have or may have been exposed to a serious contagious or infectious disease is a long-established public health strategy in order to prevent transmission.

With the continuing emergence of infectious diseases and the recent outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), there is a pressing need to establish quarantine facilities in the country. This isolation mechanism should be part of the standard precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of any infectious disease.

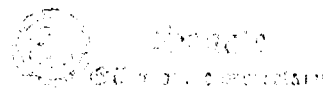
This proposed measure seeks to establish quarantine facilities in every region. These facilities are designed for patients who are suspected to be infected or colonized with epidemiologically important pathogens that can be transmitted by airborne or droplet transmission or by contact with dry skin or contaminated surfaces. The DOH is also mandated to provide adequate care for suspected patients.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill 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 "Mandatory
2 Quarantine Facilities Act of 2020."
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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.*** - It is the declared policy of the State to
5 improve the delivery of health care services to the people, and to protect the people
6 from public health threats during public health emergencies through the efficient and
7 effective response system for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases
8 for elimination and eradication, epidemics, and health events including chemical,
9 radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern.
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11 **SEC. 3. *Establishment of Quarantine Facilities.*** There shall be established
12 quarantine facilities in every region in the country. The quarantine facilities shall be
13 fully equipped to include the needs of individuals who are quarantined including, but
14 not limited to, adequate food, clothing, means of communication, and competent
15 medical care.
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17 Each location for every quarantine facility shall be identified by the Department

1 of Health (DOH) in close coordination with the Department of Public Works and
2 Highways and local government units (LGUs) concerned; *Provided*, That the
3 quarantine facilities shall be easily accessible to a DOH hospital and shall be
4 strategically located to ensure the safety of the community.

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6 The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with
7 LGUs, shall be in charge of the construction of quarantine facilities, formulation of
8 building specifications based on standards, issuances and other guidelines.

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10 **SEC 4. *Operations and Management of the Quarantine Facilities.*** - The
11 DOH shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of
12 the quarantine facilities established under this Act. The DOH shall issue guidelines on
13 the procedure and proper use of quarantine facilities within thirty (30) days from the
14 effectivity this Act.

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16 **SEC 5. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary to establish and operate
17 quarantine facilities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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19 **SEC 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from
20 the approval of this Act, the DOH, DPWH, DILG, and DENR, in consultation with
21 relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** - Any portion or provision of this Act that is
24 declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or
25 provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and be given
26 effect in their entirety.

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28 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other
29 issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed
30 or modified accordingly.

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32 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its

1 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,