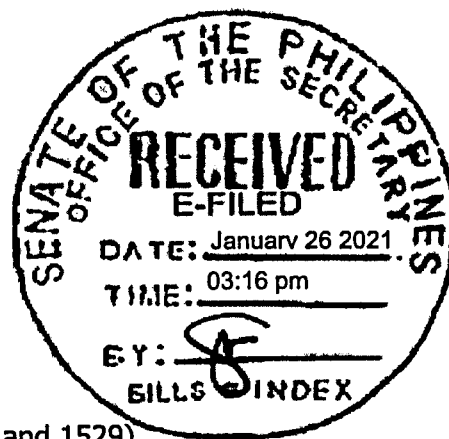


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**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN EVERY REGION IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 "Quarantine Facilities  
2 Act."

3           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policies.** - It is the declared policy of the State to improve  
4 the delivery of health care services to the people, and to protect the people from  
5 public health threats during public health emergencies through the efficient and  
6 effective response system for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases  
7 for elimination and eradication, epidemics, and health events including chemical,  
8 radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern.

9           **SEC. 3. Establishment of Quarantine Facilities.** There shall be established  
10 quarantine facilities in every region in the country. The quarantine facilities shall be  
11 fully equipped to include the needs of individuals who are quarantined including, but  
12 not limited to, adequate food, clothing, means of communication, and competent  
13 medical care.

14           The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with local government units  
15 (LGUs) concerned, shall be in charge of the establishment of quarantine facilities. Each  
16 location for every quarantine facility shall be identified by the DOH in close

1 coordination with LGUs and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
2 (DENR); *Provided*, That the quarantine facilities shall be strategically located to ensure  
3 the safety of the community.

4 **SEC. 4. *Operations and Management of the Quarantine Facilities.*** - The DOH-  
5 Bureau of Quarantine (DOH-BOQ) shall be primarily responsible for the operation,  
6 supervision, and management of the quarantine facilities established under this Act.  
7 The DOH shall issue guidelines on the procedure and proper use of quarantine  
8 facilities, including transfer and transport protocols, within thirty (30) days from the  
9 effectivity this Act.

10 The DOH shall determine the use of quarantine facilities in the absence of  
11 epidemics, pandemics or public health emergencies of national concern.

12 **SEC. 5. *Appropriations.*** - The Secretary of Health shall include in the  
13 Department's programs the establishment of additional quarantine facilities, stations,  
14 grounds and anchorages, including the expansion of existing quarantine facilities. The  
15 amount necessary to establish and operate quarantine facilities shall be included in  
16 the annual General Appropriations Act.

17 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the  
18 approval of this Act, the DOH-BOQ, the Department of Budget and Management  
19 (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in  
20 consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and  
21 regulations of this Act.

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

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

29 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
30 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*