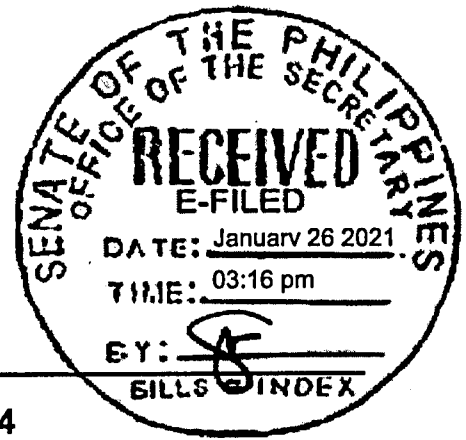


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COMMITTEE REPORT No. 164

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, Public Works, and Finance on January 26 2021

Re : Senate Bill No. 2023

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1442 and 1529.

Sponsor: Senator Christopher Bong Go

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Health and Demography, Public Works, and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1442**, introduced by Senator Cayetano, entitled:

**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF
ADDITIONAL QUARANTINE STATIONS, GROUNDS AND
ANCHORAGES IN ALL STRATEGIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

and **Senate Bill No. 1529**, introduced by Senators Go and Villar, entitled:

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

have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 2023, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1442 and 1529, with Senators Cayetano, Go, and Villar as authors thereof.

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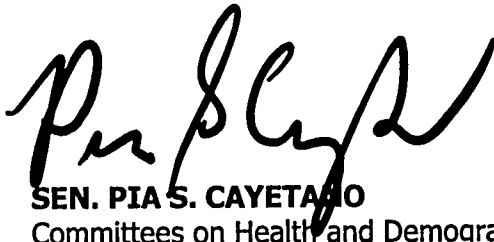


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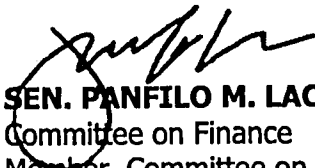
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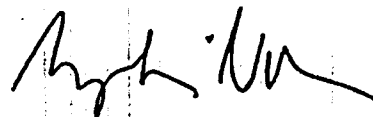
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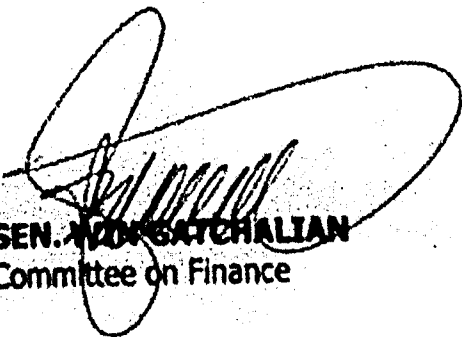
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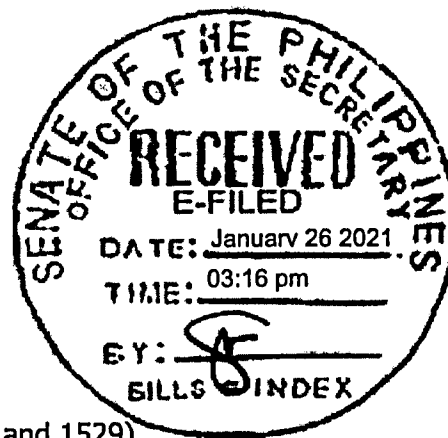
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S. B. No. 2023

(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1442 and 1529)

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, Public Works, and Finance, with Senators Cayetano, Go, and Villar as authors hereof

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,