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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Nosocomial infections, which are infections acquired by a patient in a health care facility that are unrelated to the patient's original condition, remain a significant challenge to health care facilities.

Epidemiological studies have estimated that one-third of nosocomial infections can be prevented by well-organized infection control programs.

Acute care hospitals in the country should be required to report information about nosocomial infections to the Department of Health in order to provide the department with data that are essential to developing appropriate measures to enhance the quality of hospital patient care by ensuring the use of appropriate infection-control processes

This information should also be made available to the general public as a means of providing an additional incentive to hospitals to improve their infection-control efforts, and to enable patients, employers and health insurers to compare hospitals with respect to these data.

The bill likewise provides that the Secretary is to prescribe, by regulation, requirements to be adopted by each general hospital with regard to furnishing the required information.


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT
PATIENT INFECTIONS**

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

SECTION 1. Title- This Act shall be known and cited as the "Hospital Infection Reporting Act".

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health shall prescribe, by regulation, requirements to be adopted by each general hospital with regard to reporting the *incidence and type* of nosocomial infections in hospital patients to the Department of Health.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of this act, the Secretary shall direct each hospital to:

1. maintain written policies and procedures that delineate the *responsibilities* of hospital staff for compiling and reporting the information that is reported pursuant to this Act;
2. maintain a written record of the information that is reported for a specified period of time;
3. include in its report the rate of nosocomial infection among its patients, based upon the number of its inpatients who develop such infections during the course of their hospital stay as compared with the total number of inpatients in the hospital during the reporting period, and the type and severity of those infections according to criteria set forth by the Secretary;
4. report this information according to a schedule to be determined by the Secretary, but at least annually; and
5. transmit the required information on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Secretary, which shall not include identifying information about any patient.

SECTION 4. The Department shall make available to members of the general public, upon request, the information that is reported pursuant to this Act, in such a format as the Secretary deems appropriate to facilitate comparison among hospitals with respect to the reported information.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations- The Secretary of Health shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this Act.

SECTION 6. All laws, decrees or executive issuances and any rules and regulations or any part thereof which may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modifies accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved.