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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 15, provides:


“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

Each year, thousands of poisonings are reported of the Department of Health. More than eighty-five percent (85%) of these poisonings happen in the home, while majority of poisoning victims are children younger than six (6) years of age.

These poisonings would have been prevented if people have access to emergency medical services and efficient health care services.

Unfortunately, the public cannot afford the high cost of medical and health care services, which private entities provide.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide assistance for poison prevention and to establish government-funded pollution control centers that will produce life-saving and cost-effective public health services.*


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* This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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1 AN ACT
2 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR POISON PREVENTION
3 AND TO ESTABLISH POISON CONTROL CENTERS

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

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be cited as the “Poison Control Center
7 Enhancement and Awareness Act of 2007.”

8 SECTION 2. *Establishment of Nationwide Media Campaign.* –

9 (A) *In General.* – The Secretary of Health shall establish a national media campaign to
10 educate the public and health care providers about poison prevention and the
11 availability of poison control resources in local communities.

12 (B) *Contract with Entity.* – The Secretary may carry out paragraph (A) by entering into
13 contracts with one (1) or more nationally recognized media firms for the
14 development and distribution of monthly television, radio, and newspaper public
15 service announcements.

16 SECTION 3. *Establishment of Poison Control Centers.* –

17 (A) *Regional Poison Control Centers.* – The Secretary shall establish regional poison
18 control centers for the purpose of providing the public with access to poisoning
19 prevention and treatment. The regional poison control centers shall be attached
20 centers of the regional offices of the department of health.

21 (B) *Programs.* – The Secretary, through the established regional poison control centers,
22 shall –

- 1 (1) Develop standard patient management protocols for commonly encountered
2 toxic exposures;
- 3 (2) Improve and expand the poison control data collection system;
- 4 (3) Improve national toxic exposure surveillance; and
- 5 (4) Develop physician/medical toxicologist supervision of poison control centers.

6 SECTION 4. *Funding.* – There is authorized such sums as may be necessary to carry out
7 the provisions of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
10 valid and subsisting.

11 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
12 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
13 with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

14 Section 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

16 Approved,