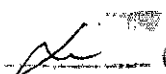


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 79

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography and Finance on  
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Re: S. No. 2410.

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. No. 749, with Senators Santiago and Cayetano, P. as authors thereof.

Sponsor: Senator Pia S. Cayetano

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Health and Demography, jointly with the Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 749, introduced by Senator Santiago entitled:

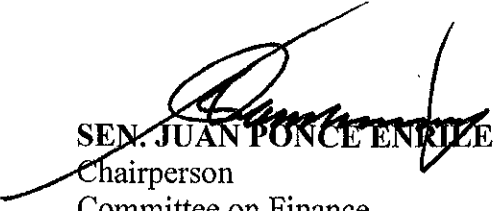
**“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH ON POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. B. No. 2410, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

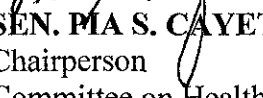
**“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH ON POSTPARTUM SYNDROME”**

be approved in substitution of S. B. No. 749, with Senators Santiago and Cayetano, P. as authors.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**




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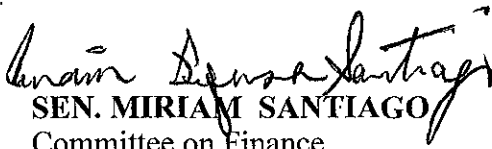


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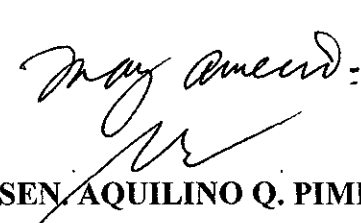
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**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH ON POSTPARTUM SYNDROME**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act may be cited as the "Postpartum  
2 Syndrome Research Act of 2008"

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4           **SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.** - For the purposes of this Act, the term  
5 "Postpartum Syndrome" shall refer to the complex combination of physical,  
6 emotional, and behavioral changes that occur in a mother after giving birth, which  
7 may be classified as postpartum blues, postpartum depression or postpartum  
8 psychosis.

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10           **SEC. 3. Research on Postpartum Syndrome.** -

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12           (A) *In General* - The Secretary of Health (hereinafter referred to as the  
13 "Secretary"), acting through the Director of the National Center for Mental Health  
14 (hereinafter referred to as the "Center"), shall expand and intensify research and  
15 related activities of the Center with respect to postpartum syndromes.

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17           (B) *Coordination With Other Centers and Other Health Care Professional*  
18 *Organizations* - The Director of the Center shall coordinate the activities under  
19 subsection (A) with similar activities conducted by other national research  
20 centers and agencies of the Department of Health and other health care  
21 professional organizations to the extent that such centers, agencies and  
22 organizations have responsibilities that are related to postpartum conditions.

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24           (C) *Programs for Postpartum Conditions*- In carrying out subsection (A),  
25 the Director of the Center, in coordination with health care professional  
26 organizations, shall conduct or support research to expand the understanding of

1 the causes of, and to find a cure for, postpartum conditions. The activities shall  
2 include conducting and supporting the following:

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- 4 1) basic research concerning the etiology and causes of the conditions;
- 5 2) epidemiological studies to address the frequency and natural history of
- 6 the conditions;
- 7 3) development of improved diagnostic techniques;
- 8 4) clinical research for the development and evaluation of new
- 9 treatments, including new biological agents;
- 10 5) information and education programs, such as, but not limited to,
- 11 promotion and prevention of postpartum syndrome, for health care
- 12 professionals and the public; and
- 13 6) implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programs or activities
- 14 being conducted.

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16 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the  
17 provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of concerned government  
18 agencies in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment  
19 into law and thereafter.

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21 **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
22 administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
23 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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25 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
26 unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full  
27 force and effect.

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29 **SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
30 following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)  
31 newspapers of general circulation.

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33 *Approved,*

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