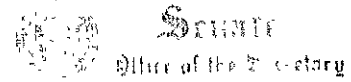


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Art. 13, Sec. 11 of the Constitution provides:

SEC. 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Health care is an issue that concerns all of us. Our Constitution provides that the State should ensure that health services are available to our people at all times. However, the current power crisis experienced in many parts of our country provides a limitation to this access by creating a stoppage in the hospital crisis due to power outages. One of the ways we can fight this is to make our major hospitals less dependent on mass supplied electricity and encourage them to provide for power supply for their most essential pieces of equipment and services.

This bill mandates the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out projects for the purpose of reducing energy costs and increasing resilience to improve security


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1 AN ACT
2 DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO
3 AWARD GRANTS AND LOAN GUARANTEES TO HOSPITALS TO CARRY OUT
4 PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING ENERGY COSTS AND INCREASING
5 RESILIENCE TO IMPROVE SECURITY

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

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “Hospital Energy Independence
7 Act.”

8 SECTION 2. *Establishment and Purpose.* – The Secretary of Energy (Secretary) shall
9 establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out energy
10 conservation projects for the purpose of—

11 (A) significantly improving the energy efficiency of such hospitals; and

12 (B) encouraging onsite power generation and energy storage, capable of operating
13 independent of the grid, and providing sufficient onsite emergency backup power for essential
14 hospital functions

15 SECTION 3. *Number of Hospitals.* – The Secretary shall award grants and loan
16 guarantees under the pilot program to no more than six (6) hospitals within three (3) years from
17 implementation of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. *Applications.* – A hospital seeking a grant or loan guarantee under the pilot
19 program shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
20 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require.

21 SECTION 5. *Considerations.* – In selecting a hospital to award a grant or loan guarantee
22 to under the pilot program, the Secretary shall give special consideration to applications from

1 such hospitals that can demonstrate that they are able to commence an energy conservation
2 project more promptly.

3 SECTION 6. *Report.* – Not later than two (2) years after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the pilot program.
5 Such report shall include information that would allow for Congress to evaluate the effectiveness
6 of the pilot program and to advance best practices.

7 SECTION 7. *Reporting.* – Two (2) years after the initial implementation of this Act and
8 every two (2) years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the proper committees in
9 Congress. The said report shall contain the recommendations on the improvement of or
10 cessation, if so warranted, of this program.

11 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
12 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
13 accordingly.

14 SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
15 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not
16 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

17 SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
18 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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