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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:


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

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the ability of microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, and some parasites to stop an antimicrobial that function as antibiotics, antivirals, and antimalarials working against them by stopping their growth or killing them.

With the increasing number of people traveling in and out of our country. There is a need to ensure the safety and health of our people against the spread of potential life threatening microorganisms and the possibility of an arising global pandemic.

For this purpose the proposed bill seeks to create and establish proper reporting and quarantine procedures to prevent the spread of antimicrobial resistant infections.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. *Anti-Microbial Resistant Infections: Duty to Report.* –

(A) Upon considering that the infection of a patient in a hospital, nursing home, or other health care facility is resisting antimicrobial treatment, the prescribing physician shall immediately arrange for culturing and laboratory testing of such information, and for apprising the facility's administrator and its director of nursing of the case.

(B) Upon issuing its findings, the laboratory shall send a copy thereof to the Department of Health.

Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations: Standard Operating Procedure.* – The Secretary of Health shall draft the implementing rules and regulations of this Act, including the standard operating procedure to be followed by hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities upon the discovery of antimicrobial resistant cases.

1 Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
3 provisions hereof.

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5 Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
6 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
7 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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9 Sec. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
10 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
11 circulation.

Approved,