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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is observed that there is a deficiency in the dissemination of the information regarding reproductive health care information to both men and women. The spouses are not conscious of the health care precautions that should be taken during pregnancy. This may be the reason why the percentage of abnormal or handicapped babies is constantly increasing.

Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Further, Section 12 of Article II mandates the State to equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. Towards this end, this measure seeks to eradicate whatever barriers may exist to hamper access of the people to relevant and reliable reproductive health care information, including those pertaining to family planning adoption services.

The early passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
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AN ACT  
TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ABOUT  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “**Right to Reproductive Health Care Information Act**”.

SEC 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, the State shall provide relevant and reliable reproductive health care information to all.

SEC 3. *Definition of Term.* – As used in this Act, the term “governmental authority” shall mean any authorized official of any branch, instrumentality, or agency of the national government or any local government unit.

SEC 4. *Reproductive Health Care Information.* – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no governmental authority shall in or through any program or activity administered or assisted by such authority that provides health care services or information, limit the right of any person to provide, or the right of any person to receive, non-fraudulent information about the availability of reproductive health care services, including family planning, pre-natal care and adoption services.

SEC 5. *Separability Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

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

*Approved,*