


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a fact that Filipino women tend to give priority to the needs of their families that they can even sacrifice their own health and well-being. But, women's health and welfare is of paramount importance considering that women constitute half of our country's population and women's health and well-being affect the health of the next generation. A look at women's health situation in the areas of nutrition, maternal, childbearing/ reproductive and other health concerns indicate that much remains to be done.

This bill seeks to grant free medical and hospitalization benefits to indigent Filipino women suffering from women's diseases, illnesses and injuries due to violence and abuses thru the establishment of a special ward in provincial and district hospitals which are capable of providing major clinical services.

Granting free medical treatment and hospitalization benefits to indigent women is in consonance with the Constitutional provisions that recognizes the need for such facilities and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included the annual budget of the local governments concerned.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,