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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Every person having ultimate responsibility with respect to decisions of his/her own health care also possesses the right of access to complete information with respect to his/her own condition and care provided. Lamentably, this right has been thwarted by unscrupulous individuals having access to such information by making a business out of providing such information to the patient.

In view of this, the attached bill seeks to prevent the unethical practice of some physicians of charging the latter with a fee in exchange for a reproduction of his/her medical records. Further, this bill seeks to safeguard the integrity of the medical profession by imposing the appropriate penalty to the members of the profession found to have violated the law.


Accordingly, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
PROHIBITING CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FROM  
CHARGING PATIENTS FOR THEIR RECORDS.**

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

**SECTION 1. Title-** This Act shall be known and cited as the "Hospital Records Act."

**SECTION 2.** No physician engaged in the practice of medicine in the country shall charge a patient, or the patient's parent or guardian, a fee for summarizing, reproducing or transmitting professional treatment records for the patient, patient's parent or guardian.

**SECTION 3.** Any violation of this Act shall be reported to the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC). If after due investigation, the physician is found guilty of having violated this Act, he may be reprimanded, suspended or his license revoked.

**SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations-** The PRC shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this Act.

**SECTION 5.** All laws, decrees or executive issuances and any rules and regulations or any part thereof which may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modifies accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved.