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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The continuing deterioration of the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) makes it extremely difficult for it to fulfill its mandate of providing reliable and accessible medication to the public particularly its mentally-disabled patients.

There is an immediate need to rehabilitate and modernize the NCMH to make it more effective and responsive to the mental patients' health needs and concerns.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.




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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH (NCMH), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "NCMH Rehabilitation and Improvement Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared that the policy of the State to improve the health and medical condition of the public especially the patients suffering from mental illnesses. Towards this end, the State shall undertake the modernization of the country's only mental health institution, to ensure the safety and well-being of the mentally deprived patients.

In the implementation of the foregoing policy, the State shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act:

(a) undertake measures to improve the current state of the mental institution in the country;

(b) provide greater awareness by the public of the systems being offered by the NCMH through various programs and projects and other related information;

(c) upgrade, modernize, and procure the latest model of clinical and medical apparatus/equipment, instruments and facilities and application of the new technologies to improve our capabilities in providing timely and reliable medical service across the country;

SECTION 3. Program Description. The modernization program under this Act shall principally be a re-tooling of NCMH with modern equipment and facilities, including but not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-date medical instruments,

tools and apparatus; repair major areas which need to be rehabilitated such as the patients pavilion, lavatory area, and waiting area for relatives and friends of the patients who may not be allowed to enter a designated room; offer nutritious and healthy foods not only to the patients but to its employees as well; repair and repainting of the NCMH building and its environment; establish an efficient human resources development program that emphasizes on professional education, training and research for the employees and its workforce.

SECTION 4. NCMH Modernization Fund. There is hereby created the National Center For Mental Health (NCMC) Modernization Fund which shall be used exclusively to fund the modernization program provided under this Act. The national government is hereby mandated to allocate and appropriate Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) which shall comprise the said fund, and which thereafter include whatever funds maybe made available from.

The Modernization Fund shall be administered by the Secretary of Health in accordance with government auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

SECTION 5. Annual Report. The Secretary of Health and the Director of the NCMH shall submit to the Office of the President and the Congressional Committees on Health, a quarterly report on the progress of the modernization program for the duration of its implementation.

SECTION 6. Repeal of Inconsistent Law. All laws, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,