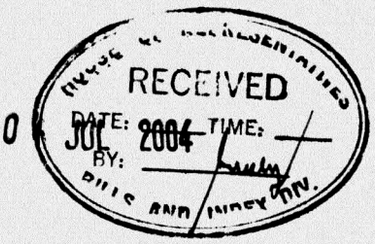
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are at least seventy percent (70%) privately owned hospitals around the country. These hospitals provide better services compared to government owned ones.

To help these private hospitals maintain and continue delivering quality service to our countrymen, this bill proposes a Private Hospital Development Plan which will be jointly formed with the Secretary of Health, proper government agencies and non-government organization. This plan shall oversee the much needed facilities, human resources and other needs of the private hospitals. This plan also grants tax incentives to qualified private hospitals only.

This bill also proposes the creation of a Special Private Hospital Fund. The fund shall be sourced-out from real property taxes paid by private hospitals.

The funds gathered shall be likewise used to provide improvements to private hospital facilities, equipments and other needs thereof. The fund shall be manage and disbursed by the local health board in each municipality or chartered city having private hospitals.

With this bill, a chain of cooperation between the government and private hospitals is made. It will supply the needed bind between the health care needs of the public and the advance medical services provided by private hospitals for a healthy nation.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is requested.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE-HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING THEM INCENTIVES

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

SEC. 1. *Title.* - This act shall be known as the "Private Hospital Assistance Act of 2001."

SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to provide assistance to private hospitals to ensure their viability and enable them to continue giving quality service to the people. Towards this end, a private hospital development plan shall be promulgated and the pr9ivate hospital fund established.

I. PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SEC. 3. ***The Private Hospital Development Plan.*** – The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the appropriate government agencies, the Philippine Hospital Association and other non-government organizations, shall draw up a Private Hospital Development Plan that shall:

1. Assess the prevailing situation in a certain locality and identify needs in terms of facilities, equipment and human resources, provide incentives for, and establish agreements and linkages with private hospitals and clinics to answer these needs;
2. Identify unserved or undeserved areas in terms of secondary and tertiary care where private hospitals can be established and, in collaboration with other government agencies, provide proper incentives for the same;
3. Promulgate rules and regulations regarding the number, composition and other matters relating to the creation of the Private Hospital Board as provided for in Section 5 of this Act;
4. Establishing guidelines for better coordination and cooperation between government and private hospitals system in the country so as to provide better quality medical services to more people needing medical attention.

II. CREATION OF THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL FUND AND BOARD

SEC. 4. ***Private Hospital Fund.*** – All proceeds from the payment of real property taxes of private hospitals shall accrue to a special Private Hospital Fund which shall be used for the following purposes:

a) Improvement of hospital facilities to accommodate more service ward patients; and
b) Financial assistance to community-based health projects in the locality.

SEC. 5. *The Private Hospitals Fund Board.* - The private hospital fund shall be managed and disbursed by a local Board which shall be constituted in each municipality or chartered city with private hospitals, and shall be composed of:

a) The Mayor of the municipality or chartered city as Chairperson:
b) A director from every private hospital in the municipality or city;
c) The municipal or city health officer;
d) Two (2) representatives of the private sector or non-governmental organizations.

The members of this Board shall be chosen in accordance with implementing rules and regulations to be issued by the Secretary of Health. The Private Hospital Board shall adopt its own rules and regulations, which shall enable it to finance the activities, provided for in Section 4 of this Act,

SEC. 6. *Audit of the Private Hospital Fund.* - The disbursement of the Private Hospital Fund shall be subject to audit by the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any provision of law, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. ***Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.