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HOUSE BILL NO. 2588

Introduced by: HON. HERMINIA M. RAMIRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to authorize government hospitals, including medical centers and specialty hospitals, to retain and utilize their income for the maintenance and operating expenses. Although government hospitals, on top of the subsidy granted by the government, earn from various services, they are, under the law, required to remit their income to the national treasury. These hospitals even if they earn sufficiently to cover whatever expansion services they intend to implement for the betterment of the people, their hands are tied because they are not allowed to touch the money generated from various services. This situation stunt the growth of these hospitals and therefore effectively affect the delivery of efficient services to the patients.

It is the paramount objective of this measure to give meaningful autonomy to government hospitals to be able to serve effectively the patients, especially those in the lower bracket of our society.

The approval of this bill therefore, is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO RETAIN AND UTILIZE
THEIR INCOME FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. All government hospitals, including medical centers and specialty hospitals, are hereby authorized to retain and utilize their income for the maintenance and other operating expenditures, including capital outlay, especially for the acquisition of equipment and medical supplies, subject to auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,