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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The continuing deterioration of the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) makes it extremely difficult to fulfill its mandate to the detriment of its patients. The said hospital is not well-equipped with its machinery in order for it to fully serve the needs of its patients particularly, children with all kinds of ailments, sicknesses and diseases.

This representation believes that it is now high time to rehabilitate and develop the PCMC. Ever since the PCMC was inaugurated during the time of then First Lady Mrs. Imelda Marcos, it has not gone through rehabilitation and development. Perhaps, the government is not fully aware of its services being offered to its children-patients.

Moreover, the PCMC is tasked with a very crucial and sensitive responsibility, that is, providing reliable, accessible and timely medication to the public especially the young children.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon Congress to initiate the modernization of and rehabilitation of the PCMC.

It is hoped that the PCMC modernization will find solace during the 2nd regular session of the 13th Congress.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHILDRENS MEDICAL CENTER (PCMC), 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 "PCMC 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 children. Towards this end, the State shall undertake the modernization of the country's children's hospital, the PCMC to ensure the safety and well-being of the children patients and to ensure national progress.

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

(a) undertake measures to improve on the current state of the children's hospital in the country;

(b) cultivate greater awareness by the public of the systems being offered by the PCMC 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 the PCMC with modern equipment and facilities, including but not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-date medical instruments, tools and apparatus to be place at the

Emergency Room (E.R.), Intensive Care Unit (I.C.U.), Delivery Room, Operating Room and other major areas which needs to be rehabilitate; build/construct a waiting area for the relatives of the patients who may not be allowed to enter a designated room ; repair and repainting of the PCMC building; establish an efficient human resources development program that emphasizes on professional education, training and research for the employees and its work force.

SECTION 4. *PCMC Modernization Fund*. There is hereby created the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) 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 Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (P250,000,000,.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 PCMC 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,