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HOUSE BILL NO. 280

Introduced by Honorable Roilo Golez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The need for a coordinated effort among LGUs and the national agencies on health programs and policies has been reinforced by the devolution of health services. Local health officers have taken a dynamic role in ensuring that efficient and adequate health services reach even the far-flung barangays within his/her area of jurisdiction.

This bill seeks to task local health officer to coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) and other LGUs to ensure an integrated approach in the delivery of health care services through area-based health planning. Moreover, this bill requires the local health officer to complement health services being provided by the DOH and other LGUs through comprehensive health care agreements and other instruments.

Considering the importance of this measure, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS IN AREA-BASED HEALTH PLANNING,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 478 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 478 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 478, Qualifications, Powers and Duties. –

(b) The health officer shall take charge of the office on health services and shall:

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(4) COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCE OR ADMINISTRATIVE AREA TO ENSURE AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH AREA-BASED HEALTH PLANNING; COMPLEMENT HEALTH SERVICES AMONG OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE AGREEMENTS (CHCAs) AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS; AND

(5) IN THE CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER, COORDINATE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICERS OF COMPONENT CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEGRATION, COORDINATION, AND MONITORING LOCAL HEALTH PROGRAMS."

SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,