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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system, and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research responsive to the country's health needs and problems.

Prostate cancer has become one of the leading causes of mortality among men in our country especially of the elderly. At present, many are still uneducated about this disease. This measure seeks to promote public awareness and education as well as the preventive measures pertaining to prostate cancer. The bill emphasizes the importance of educating Filipino men on early detection and appropriate medical procedures for treatment of prostate cancer through proper public education.

In view of addressing the increasing cases of Filipino men infected with these life – threatening disease, immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON
PROSTATE CANCER**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act may be cited as the “Prostate Cancer Public Awareness Act”.

SEC. 2. *Definition.* – For purposes of this Act, the term “Director” means the Director of the Non-Communicable Disease Control Service of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of Program for Public Education on Prostate Cancer.* – The Director shall carry out a program on prostate cancer. Through the program, he shall conduct or support activities –

(a) To educate males who are forty (40) years of age or older on the need to periodically undergo physical examinations for such cancer, including education on the frequency and type of such examinations that are appropriate for various age groups of such men; and

(b) To educate males on the availability and appropriateness of procedures for detecting the cancer in its early stages, including the procedure known as prostate ultrasound.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,