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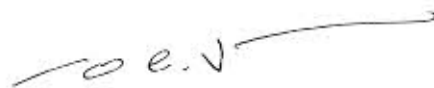
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to protect the right of the people toward information about reproductive health care services.

It is observed that there is a deficiency in the dissemination of information regarding reproductive health care information to women. Many women are not conscious of the health care precautions that should be taken during pregnancy. This may be the reason why the percentage of abnormal or handicapped babies is constantly increasing.

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them", and under Section 12 of the same article the State is also mandated to equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. Towards this end, this measure seeks to eradicate whatever barriers may exist that hamper access of the people to relevant and reliable reproductive health care information, including those pertaining to family planning and adoption services.

Hence, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ABOUT
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be cited as the “Women Right to Know Act.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the people’s right to health. Towards this end, the State shall provide relevant and reliable reproductive health care information to women.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – For the purposes of this Act –

(1) *Government authority* means any authority of any branch, instrumentality, agency of the National Government or any local government unit.

SEC. 4. Reproductive Health Care Information. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no government authority shall in or through any program or activity, administered or assisted by such authority, that provides health care services or information, limit the right of any person to provide, or the right of any person to receive, non – fraudulent information about the availability of reproductive health care services, including family planning, prenatal care and adoption services.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. Repealing Clause. – All existing laws, rules and regulations and other issuance or portions hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby modified, repealed or revoked accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or a newspapers of general circulation whichever comes first upon its approval.

Approved,