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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine health sector is ailing, brought about by a host of problems, primary of which are rapidly increasing population, the inadequacy of health programs and facilities, and the steady increase in the exodus of health care professionals to richer countries where they are greatly rewarded (financially) for their services. There is an inverse relationship between the growing number of people and the continued decrease in the number of doctors and nurses to serve the communities.

A staggering problem affecting the nation requires a more concentrated approach, starting at the level of the local government units. After all, it is these units that are in close contact with the people and as such, are more aware of the needs of their constituents. Given this fact, the LGU's are in a good position to propose and/or implement health programs depending on the needs of communities. Also, they have operating funds (the internal revenue allotment or IRA) to utilize for the aforementioned purpose.

This bill seeks to amend section 287 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to compel local government units to set aside fifteen percent (15%) of their annual IRA for health programs. They would also have to furnish the Department of Health (DOH) with plans for these initiatives. This bill is based on the premise that the overall health of the nation depends on the health of its cellular structures as embodied by the LGU's and the communities they govern.

Given the importance of this bill, its immediate passage is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
COMPELLING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SET ASIDE AT
LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THEIR ANNUAL INTERNAL REVENUE
ALLOTMENTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTION 287 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160

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

Section 1. Section 287 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 287. Local Development Projects AND HEALTH PROGRAMS. – Each local government unit shall appropriate in its annual budget no less than twenty percent (20%) AND FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) of its annual internal revenue allotment for development projects AND HEALTH PROGRAMS, RESPECTIVELY. Copies of the development plans AND HEALTH PROGRAMS of local government units shall be furnished the Department of the Interior and Local Government AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, RESPECTIVELY."

Sec. 2. The Departments of Finance (DOF), Budget and Management (DBM) and Health (DOH) shall jointly issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. All laws, presidential decrees, executive issuance, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, found inconsistent with this Act are hereby expressly repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. If, for any reason whatsoever, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions not declared as such.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,