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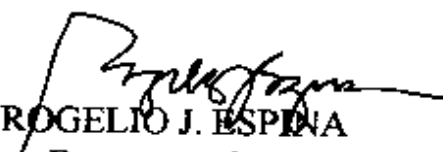
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The constitution of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation was a great leap towards full progress and development. It aimed not only to provide health care to those who can afford but most specially to those who cannot. However, to be an effective healthcare it must also be coupled with an efficient service which must meet the demands of the time.

At present the process of identifying, validating and facilitating the membership in Philhealth sets aside the very essence of its constitution. The effectiveness of Philhealth is being overshadowed by the slow, sluggish and almost obsolete process.

Thus, the computerization/modernization of the information system of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation is necessary and compulsory to offer the public not only the healthcare they need but more importantly to present them an efficient and effective service for the attainment of Philhealth's full benefit.

Early passage of the bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE COMPUTERIZATION/MODERNIZATION OF
THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Philhealth
Computerization Act of 2010.*”

SEC. 2. **Statement of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
State to computerize/modernize the information system of the Philippine Health
Insurance Corporation to create a centralized system of identification and
validation of records.

Toward this end, the principal thrusts of this program under this Act shall
be:

a.) the acquisition and upgrading of appropriate technology, equipment and facility of Philippine Insurance Health Corporation.

SEC. 3. *The Objectives of this act are as follows:*

a.) to interlink the data of all Philhealth card holders and their dependents with the centralized information system and the affiliated hospitals.

b.) to facilitate prompt and speedy identification and validation of Philhealth card holders and their dependents upon admission to Philhealth affiliated hospitals, both government and private;

c.) to efficiently afford Philhealth card holders and their dependents the full benefits of Philhealth by providing them immediate attention upon their admission.

SEC. 4. *Period of Implementation* – The computerization program under this Act shall be implemented over a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

ARTICLE II

SEC. 5. *Appropriations* –The computerization and establishment of Philhealth Pharmacy shall be considered an administration cost, being necessary for the effective management of the Program, which shall be charged to the funds

under the management and control of the Corporation and from the unappropriated but available fund of the Government.

ARTICLE III – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within 60 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board of the Corporation shall convene to immediately formulate the Rules and Regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Promulgation* – With 6 months from its initial meeting, the Board shall promulgate the aforementioned rules and regulations in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least three (3) national newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.