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HOUSE BILL NO. 2319



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Service provision on the one end and health financing on the other are probably the two important ingredients to this proposed measure of mandating, as far as practicable, a universal health care as an entitlement to every Filipino who is at least eighteen years old and above.

The Philippines has sufficient number of government-owned or government-run hospitals throughout the archipelago although most of these are located in the urban centers largely.

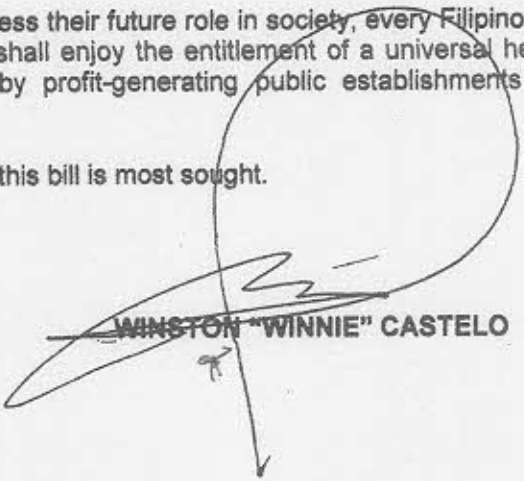
Both PAGCOR and PCSO are state-run corporations that generate so much proceeds for government to the tune of billions of pesos year in and year out.

A health care agenda such as a universal health care system as this bill envisions is as much a menu for development in the true sense of the word.

This bill finds the need for government to focus its resources and welfare programs to a segment of the Philippine population that are considered a rich resource or human capital.

For the State to better harness their future role in society, every Filipino who is at least 18 years of age and above shall enjoy the entitlement of a universal health care from funds intended for charity by profit-generating public establishments such as PAGCOR and PCSO.

The immediate passage of this bill is most sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE TO EVERY FILIPINO
CITIZEN WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AND ABOVE FUNDED FROM EARNINGS
OF PAGCOR AND PCSO

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby provided for every Filipino citizen who is eighteen years old and above a mandatory universal health care.

SEC. 2. Funds shall be sourced from the earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office that shall likewise issue the appropriate rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,