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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the "State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them". Moreover, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every *barangay* should provide basic health and social welfare services and facilities which include *barangay* health center and day care center.

This bill seeks to supplement the abovementioned law by specifically mandating that every *barangay* should also have a *barangay* pharmacy wherein affordable and cheap medicines will be readily available. The *barangay* pharmacies will be established based on the priority list to be made by the Department of Health (DOH) upon recommendation of the local government units concerned.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BOTICA SA BARANGAY",
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Pharmacy Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall provide adequate social services and endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to every *barangay* at affordable cost.

SEC. 3. *Barangay Pharmacy.* - The Department of Health shall, within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act, undertake a three-year program for the establishment of Barangay Pharmacies in every barangay, giving priority to barangays on the basis of population, poverty incidence, extent of medical health care and/or services, geographical conditions, financial and other socio-economic factors and such other considerations as may be deemed necessary in undertaking the program within the context of national plans and policies on social services, health and medical care.

SEC. 4. *Establishment Priority.* - The Department of Health (DOH) shall, in the establishment of the Barangay Pharmacies, undertake prior consultations with the local government units concerned to make an official list of priority barangays.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Guidelines.* - This Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and guidelines as may be needed to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees and other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* -This Act shall take effect upon fifteen (15) days after complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,