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HOUSE BILL NO. 3564

Introduced by Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to modernize the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) hospital care delivery system through an integrated approach and complemented by state-of-the art technology.

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is a premier national tertiary hospital and a referral center for tertiary care. Operated by UP Manila, it gives quality patient care services to thousands of indigent patients every year from all over the country through its various departments and specialized units. It serves about 600,000 patients every year, mostly belongs to the low' income social group.

With its current condition and to correspond with its modernization efforts, PGH has to be supported to undertake a massive modernization program to better realize its mandate of rendering quality health and medical care services to indigent patients.

The PGH modernization program involves the acquisition of state-of the- art medical equipment, the renovation and modernization of facilities, and the implementation of programs geared towards more effective and efficient delivery of health and medical care services.

Henceforth, this bill aims to make health care and medical services of the PGH more accessible, available, affordable and acceptable to our people.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION
OF PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), CREATING PGH
REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION. 1. Title – This Act shall be known as “The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Act of 2013”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared a policy of the State to modernize the health care delivery system to a level where it can fully and effectively perform its constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Towards this end, the State shall undertake the modernization of the country's largest government hospital administered by the university, and designated as the National University Hospital.

1 **SEC. 3. Objective.** – There shall be established a comprehensive
2 and continuing PGH Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, hereinafter
3 referred to as the “Program” which shall have the following objectives:
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- 5 (a) undertake measures to improve the current state of the
6 Philippine General Hospital (PGH);
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- 8 (b) provide greater awareness by the public of the systems being
9 offered by PGH through various programs and projects and
10 other related information;
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- 12 (c) upgrade, modernize, acquire and procure state-of-the- art
13 medical equipment, the latest model of clinical apparatus,
14 instruments, the renovation and modernization of its facilities
15 and the application of the new technologies to improve the
16 hospital’s capabilities in providing timely and reliable medical
17 services for its patients.
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19 **SEC. 4. Program Description** - The modernization program under this
20 Act shall principally be a re-tooling of PGH with modern equipment and
21 facilities, including but not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-
22 date medical instruments, tools and apparatus; repair major areas which need
23 to be rehabilitated such as patient rooms and wards, Operating and Delivery
24 Rooms, lavatory areas and comfort rooms, and other physical facilities; repair
25 and repainting of PGH buildings and its environment;
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28 **SEC. 5. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Council.** –

29 There is hereby created a Council to be known as PHG Rehabilitation
30 and Modernization Council which shall be headed by the Secretary of Health
31 as its Ex-Officio Chairman and the UP PGH Director as Co-Chairman of the
32 Council. Representatives of academic and medical community of UP-PGH

1 shall be appointed as members, and other stakeholders as maybe
2 determined by the Council.

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4 The Council shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive program and
5 guidelines to undertake rehabilitation and improvement of PGH , inventory
6 of deficiencies in its hospital materials, equipments and furniture and
7 fixtures.

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9 **SEC. 6. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund. –**

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11 There is hereby created the Philippine General Hospital (PGH)
12 Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund which shall be used exclusively to fund
13 the modernization program provided under this Act.

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15 The national government is hereby mandated to allocate and appropriate
16 One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) which shall comprise the said fund, and
17 which thereafter include whatever funds maybe made available from.

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19 The total amount allocated herein shall be used exclusively for the
20 construction, rehabilitation and/or repair, renovation of PGH, the
21 procurement of hospital materials, equipments, furniture and fixtures
22 pursuant to the program and guidelines as determined by the Council.

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24 Provided, that all unexpected balance, after the completion of the
25 work and/or procurement authorized for each fiscal year, shall at once
26 revert to the National Treasury to the credit of the appropriation provided
27 for under this Act and shall not be withdrawn from it nor expended except
28 for the purpose indicated herein.

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30 Such unexpended balance for any fiscal year shall be added to the
31 appropriation for the next fiscal year and expended accordingly.

32 The modernization Fund shall be administered in accordance with

1 government auditing rules and regulations and procedures.
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3 **SEC. 6. Bidding.** - Any provision of law to the contrary
4 notwithstanding, funds allocated under the provision of this Act shall be
5 executed through public bidding in accordance with the existing
6 government rules and regulations.
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8 **SEC. 7. Annual Report** - The Secretary of Health and the Director of
9 the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) shall submit to the Office of the President
10 and the Congressional Committees on Health, a quarterly report on the
11 progress of the modernization program for the duration of its implementation.
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13 **SEC. 8. Separability.** - Should any provision of this Act be found
14 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the
15 remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the
16 remaining provisions of this Act.
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18 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.**- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 after its complete publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general
20 circulation.
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22 APPROVED,