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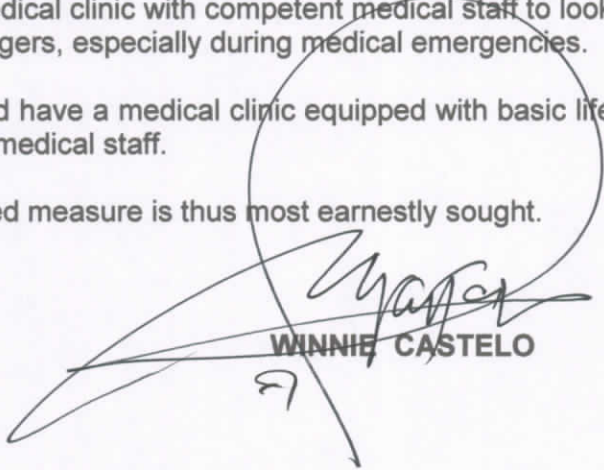
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The tragic end of life of an infant who died of severe diarrhoea on board a passenger vessel should never happen again. Had there been a well-equipped medical clinic on board, the child would have been saved. Let it be now the policy of State to mandate all passenger vessels to set up on them a well-equipped medical clinic with competent medical staff to look after the health and well-being of their passengers, especially during medical emergencies.

Hence, every passenger vessel or ship should have a medical clinic equipped with basic life saving provisions and manned by competent medical staff.

The immediate passage of this timely proposed measure is thus most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING EVERY PASSENGER VESSEL OR SHIP TO SET UP ON BOARD WELL-EQUIPPED MEDICAL CLINIC MANNED BY COMPETENT MEDICAL STAFF AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Medical Clinic on Ship Act."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be set up a well-equipped medical clinic on every passenger vessel or ship that is manned by competent medical staff.

SEC. 3. To effectively carry out the purpose of this Act, the Department of Health, in coordination with Marina, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. The competent courts shall determine the appropriate penalties for violations of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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,