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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 1945



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Introduced by

**HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ**  
and  
**HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE**

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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING A DENTAL SERVICE IN EVERY CITY OR MUNICIPAL HEALTH**  
**UNIT AS PART OF THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE APPROACH IN THE**  
**DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Under the Philippine Constitution and as stated under Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. In line with this, it is the policy of the State to pursue the Primary Healthcare Approach in the delivery of health services.

According to the World Health Organization, Primary Health Care (PHC) is a "whole-of-society approach that includes health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care." As it is centered on how best to provide health care services to everyone, everywhere, the PHC approach is the most efficient and effective way to achieve health for all.

Thus, the creation of a dental service in every city or municipal health unit will further capacitate the state to provide quality and accessible oral health

care services and it ensures the equitable delivery of basic oral health care services, including preventive, curative, and rehabilitative services, to the people and the community.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

**Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to pursue the Primary Healthcare Approach in the delivery of health services and to undertake the appropriate health human resources development for this policy as well as to promote preventive dental healthcare.

**Section 2. *Creation of Dental Service.*** – As part of the Primary Health Care Approach, there is hereby created a dental service in every health unit, under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

**Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

**Section 4. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be funded from the current fiscal year's appropriation for the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,