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HOUSE BILL NO. 4720



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND “LRAY” F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.,**
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HORIBATA AND HON. NICOLAS “NICK” C. ENCISO VIII

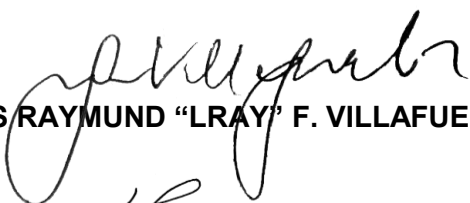
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization has continuously considered the isolation of people who may have been exposed to any serious contagious or infectious disease as the most effective measure to prevent its transmission.

Since there is a constant emergence of various highly contagious and seriously infectious kinds of illnesses, most especially with the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the need for the State to establish quality quarantine facilities in the country cannot be ignored.

This proposed measure seeks to prioritize the establishment of quality quarantine facilities not only in the densely populated areas of the country but possibly in every region. These facilities are designed for patients who are suspected to be infected or colonized with epidemiologically important pathogens that can be transmitted easily by airborne or droplet transmission or by contact with dry skin or contaminated surfaces. The DOH is also mandated to provide adequate care for suspected patients.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN EVERY
REGION IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Mandatory Quarantine
Facilities Act.*"

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is the declared policy of the State to improve
the delivery of health care services to the people, and to protect the people from
public health threats during public health emergencies through the efficient and
effective response system for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases,
diseases for elimination and eradication, epidemics, and health events including
chemical, radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of Quarantine Facilities.* – There shall be established
quarantine facilities in every region in the country. The quarantine facilities shall be
fully equipped to include the needs of individuals who are quarantined including, but
not limited to, adequate food, clothing, means of communication, and competent
medical care.

Each location for every quarantine facility shall be identified by the Department of Health (DOH) in close coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways and local government units (LGUs) concerned;

Provided, That the quarantine facilities shall be easily accessible to a DOH hospital and shall be strategically located to ensure the safety of the community.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with LGUs, shall be in charge of the construction of quarantine facilities, formulation of building specifications based on standards, issuances and other guidelines.

SEC 4. *Operations and Management of the Quarantine Facilities.* – The DOH shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of the quarantine facilities established under this Act. The DOH shall issue guidelines on the procedure and proper use of quarantine facilities within thirty (30) days from the effectivity this Act.

SEC 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to establish and operate quarantine facilities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the DOH, DPWH, DILG, and DENR, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – Any portion or provision of this Act that is declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,