

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5751



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** is one of the three sectoral councils of the Department of Science and Technology (**DOST**). It is a forward-looking, partnership-based national body responsible for coordinating and monitoring research activities in the country.

PCHRD was created on March 17, 1982 through Executive order No. 784. In 1987, Executive Order No. 128 reaffirmed its existence and relevance. This directive reorganized the National Science and Technology Authority into what is now the Department of Science and Technology.

This House Bill seeks to provide **Modernization Funding** to the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)**, to lead the research-based solutions and innovations to address health system needs.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDINGFOR THE
**PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT (PCHRD)**, INCREASING AND REORGANIZING ITS
ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE THE RESEARCH-BASED
SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIONS TO ADDRESS HEALTH SYSTEM
NEEDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It shall hereby be a declared policy of the State to foster a national coordinating body for health research, to provide central direction, leadership and coordination of health research activities. To achieve this, the state is committed to do the following:

- a) Formulate agenda, plans, policies, and strategies for health research.
- b) Mobilize resources to support health research.
- c) Develop and strengthen capacity for health research.
- d) Support the development of affordable, accessible, and quality S&T-based solutions and innovations.

- e) Ensure the dissemination and utilization of health research outputs.
- f) Monitor and evaluate health research activities.
- g) Establish linkages and partnerships with local and international organizations.
- h) Promote good governance among health research organizations through efficient, effective, transparent, and ethical health research management system.

The state shall continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System towards equitable development for improved quality of life for all.

The state shall formulate policies for the efficient and effective administration and management of all manpower, skills and competencies to ensure compliance.

SECTION 2. MODERNIZATION FUNDING. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (**Php 500,000,000.00**) for the operation and administration of the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** shall be chargeable against funds for the purpose and other sources recommended by the **Department of Budget and Management (DBM)**. Thereafter, appropriations for the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** shall be included in the budget proposals under the Department of Science and Technology (**DOST**).

The Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**) shall rationalize the existing organizational structure and staffing pattern of the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** in accordance with the provisions of this Act and relevant compensation and position classification laws, rules and regulations.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

SECTION 3. PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (PCHRD) MODERNIZATION FUND – There is hereby created the **PCHRD Modernization Fund** to be used exclusively for the (**PCHRD**) *Modernization Program*.

The (**PCHRD**) *Modernization Fund* shall be administered by the Secretary of the **DOST** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of **DOST** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the (**PCHRD**) *Modernization Programs* which shall be submitted, to the Office of the President and to the Chairpersons of the Committee on Science and Technology of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of two (**2**) years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. – The **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)** shall continue to exercise and uphold the following powers and functions; but not limited to:

The **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development** is mandated to perform the following functions:

- a) Formulate policies, plans, programs, project, and strategies for health S&T development
- b) Program and allocate government and external funds for R&D
- c) Monitor R&D projects
- d) Generate external funds

The primordial source of health research leadership and direction in the country, **PCHRD** resolves to foster healthier and more productive lives among the Filipinos through health research and development (**R&D**). As the focal point for health research and development (R&D) in the country.

- 1. We provide leadership and direction in health and related R&D activities
- 2. We rationalize investment in science and technology through a system of review of ongoing and pipeline projects in the government sector, and by influencing the private sector to support and implement projects that are in consonance with the Health Science and Technology Plan
- 3. We develop and strengthen human and infrastructure resources of the health research network
- 4. We implement a research utilization program to ensure that research products are properly disseminated among and utilized by their intended users.
- 5. We facilitate the identification and packaging of health technologies for adoption and commercialization by both government and private sectors

6. We generate additional resources for health R&D by pursuing active collaboration with local and international funding agencies.

SECTION 7. INCREASE OF PERSONNEL. – The **PCHRD** shall maintain the sufficient staffing pattern. Hence, it is authorized to increase its manpower to meet such required and may continue to increase personnel per percentage rate increase of committed mandates annually or as the need arises.

SECTION 8. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,