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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Universal Health Care (UHC) Act automatically enrolls all Filipinos in the National Health Insurance Program. This gives citizens access to all the health services they need while protecting them from the financial hardship that medical care or hospitalization often brings, especially to the poor.

But despite the UHC Act, the poor and needy patients are still in a dilemma when dealing with their health concerns. They need to go to and from different government offices to secure requirements to avail of health care. Hence, the establishment of Malasakit Centers in all government hospitals was institutionalized. These Malasakit Centers are meant as a one-stop shop for government medical assistance for Filipinos.

To further bridge the gap between the poor members of the country and their access to health care, this bill seeks to establish, maintain, and manage a Malasakit Center in every Local Government Unit. This will ensure that the delivery of health services to the people are more efficient and sustainable.

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

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AN ACT MANDATING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND MANAGE MALASAKIT CENTERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the "LGU Malasakit Center Act of 2024".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the policy of the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Local Government Unit shall allocate two percent (2%) of their National Tax Allotment for the establishment, maintenance, and management of Malasakit Centers.

SEC. 4. . *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health, PhilHealth, Department of Social Welfare and Development, PCSO and DILG, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5.. *Repealing Clause.-* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,