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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 5702

Introduced by Rep. CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.

AN ACT

**INTENSIFYING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS THROUGH
THE PROVISION OF MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND
THE CONDUCT OF REGULAR BREAST EXAMINATIONS IN RURAL HEALTH
CENTERS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Breast cancer is one of the most common types of cancer affecting women. In fact, based on data from the Department of Health, there were 33,079 cases of breast cancer in the Philippines in 2024, 17.5 percent of which were new cases.¹

A research study entitled “*Young Filipino Breast Cancer Patients Have Worse Survival Outcomes*” cited the 2020 GLOBOCAN report, which outlined the high incidence of breast cancer among young women (≤ 40 years) in the Philippines compared to other Asian countries.

Furthermore, the same study emphasized that poorer survival outcomes among these younger patients may be attributed to the aggressiveness and unique tumor biology of their cancers.

While there are existing breast cancer awareness campaigns, a significant number of reported cases are still diagnosed at an advanced stage. The lack of accessible healthcare facilities that provide early cancer detection services, along with the high cost of treatment, remains a major contributing factor.

Hence, this bill seeks to intensify breast cancer awareness campaigns by mandating the provision of mammography services in qualified public hospitals and the conduct of regular monthly breast examinations in Rural Health Centers. Through this measure, women especially those in barangays, will have improved access to preventive healthcare services that enable early detection and timely treatment of breast cancer.

¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2130187/philhealth-majority-of-breast-cancer-cases-in-ph-diagnosed-too-late>

Accordingly, this proposed bill shall also encourage the posting and dissemination of breast cancer information materials in all barangay health centers as part of the awareness campaign.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Short Title-* This Act shall be known as “Mammography Services in Public
2 Hospitals and Breast Examinations in Rural Health Centers Act”.

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4 **SECTION 2.** *Mammography Services in Public Hospitals-* This Act mandates the
5 provision of mammography services in qualified public hospitals, in coordination with the
6 Department of Health (DOH). Such services shall be made available annually, or as medically
7 necessary, to enable early detection and diagnoses of breast cancer among women.

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9 **SECTION 3.** *Breast Examinations in Rural Health Centers-* it is hereby mandated that
10 regular monthly breast examinations shall be provided by qualified medical practitioners assigned
11 to every Rural Health Center.

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13 Likewise, breast cancer information and educational materials shall be posted and made
14 available in all Primary Health Care facilities to promote awareness and preventive health
15 education on the disease.

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2 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid
3 or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain valid.
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5 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.***- All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
6 administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this
7 Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

8 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
9 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

10 Approved,
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