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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is the country's largest modern government tertiary hospital, a vital resource that serves over 600,000 patients every year. It is the only national referral center for advanced tertiary care, dedicated to providing direct and quality healthcare to thousands of low-income Filipinos nationwide.¹

PGH as health facility serves as a beacon of hope for those who are otherwise denied access to quality healthcare. As an educational institution, attached with the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, it provides world-class medical instruction and education to health professionals.

To fulfill its mission, that is: "To deliver globally-competitive, cost-effective, compassionate and accessible health care to the Filipinos and provide a world-class education to health professionals and to generate relevant research that will impact on health policies," we must take an active part to support all efforts to modernize PGH.

The PGH modernization program involves the acquisition of state-of-the-art medical equipment, the renovation and modernization of facilities, and the implementation of programs geared towards more effective and efficient delivery of health and medical care services.

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


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¹ <https://www.pgh.gov.ph/about-pgh/>

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF
PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), CREATING PGH REHABILITATION
AND MODERNIZATION FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Title – This Act shall be known as the “PGH Rehabilitation and
Modernization Act.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared a policy of the State to
modernize the health care delivery system to a level where it can fully and effectively
perform its constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right to health of the
people and instill health consciousness among them.

Towards this end, the State shall undertake the modernization of the country's
largest government hospital administered by the university, and designated as the
National University Hospital.

Sec. 3. Objective. – There shall be established a comprehensive and continuing
PGH Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, hereinafter referred to as the
“Program” which shall have the following objectives:

- a. Undertake measures to improve the current state of the Philippine General
Hospital (PGH);
- b. Provide greater awareness by the public of the systems being offered by PGH
through various programs and projects and other related information;
- c. Upgrade, modernize, acquire and procure state-of-the- art medical equipment,
the latest model of clinical apparatus, instruments, the renovation and
modernization of its facilities and the application of the new technologies to
improve the hospital's capabilities in providing timely and reliable medical
services for its patients.

Sec. 4. Program Description - The modernization program under this Act shall
principally be a re-tooling of PGH with modern equipment and facilities, including but
not limited to, procurement of the latest and most up-to-date medical instruments,
tools and apparatus; repair major areas which need to be rehabilitated such as

patient rooms and wards, Operating and Delivery Rooms, lavatory areas and comfort rooms, and other physical facilities; repair and repainting of PGH buildings and its environment.

Sec. 5. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Council. – There is hereby created a Council to be known as PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Council which shall be headed by the Secretary of Health as its Ex-Officio Chairman and the UP PGH Director as Co-Chairman of the Council.

Representatives of academic and medical community of UP-PGH shall be appointed as members, and other stakeholders as maybe determined by the Council. The Council shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive program and guidelines to undertake rehabilitation and improvement of PGH, inventory of deficiencies in its hospital materials, equipment and furniture and fixtures.

SEC. 6. The PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund. – There is hereby created the PGH Rehabilitation and Modernization Fund which shall be used exclusively to fund modernization programs provided under this Act.

The national government is hereby mandated to allocate and appropriate **One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00)** which shall comprise the said fund, and which thereafter include whatever funds may be made available from.

The total amount allocated herein shall be used exclusively for the construction, rehabilitation and/or repair, renovation of PGH, the procurement of hospital materials, equipment, furniture and fixtures pursuant to the program and guidelines as determined by the Council. Provided, that all unexpended balance, after the completion of the work and/or procurement authorized for each fiscal year, shall at once revert to the National Treasury to the credit of the appropriation provided for under this Act and shall not be withdrawn from it nor expended except for the purpose indicated herein. Such unexpended balance for any fiscal year shall be added to the appropriation for the next fiscal year and expended accordingly. The modernization Fund shall be administered in accordance with government auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

Sec. 6. Bidding. – Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, funds allocated under the provision of this Act shall be executed through public bidding in accordance with Republic Act 12009 or the New Government Procurement Act and other existing rules and regulations.

Sec. 7. Annual Report - The Secretary of Health and the Director of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) shall submit to the Office of the President, the Committee on Health and Demography of the Senate and Committee on Health of the House of Representatives, a quarterly report on the progress of the modernization program for the duration of its implementation.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause - If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other part of this Act.

89 **Sec. 9. Repealing Clause** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum
90 orders, and other administrative issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent
91 with the provisions of this Act, are hereby modified, superseded or repealed
92 accordingly.

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94 **Sec. 10. Effectivity-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
95 publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in
96 the Philippines.

Approved,