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HOUSE BILL NO. 6743



Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL CLINICS, HOSPITALS, AND HEALTH FACILITIES TO
USE ACCREDITED MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS,
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the duty of the State to ensure the protection of the public health and environment through setting guidelines for the treatment and disposal of wastes in appropriate facilities in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles.

Proper waste disposal in hospitals is crucial for preventing infections, protecting healthcare workers and the public from injury and disease, and ensuring environmental and legal compliance.

Thus, this bill seeks to require health facilities in the Philippines to engage only with government-accredited medical waste treatment, transport, and disposal service providers, maintain valid service contracts which include regular collection, treatment, and final disposal services, and keep records of all medical waste disposal activities, subject to inspection.

Through this bill, the State aims to promote environmental responsibility through proper management of medical wastes, in order to prevent the spread of pathogens and environmental contamination. Implementing strict protocols for segregation, storage, and disposal is essential to maintaining a safe and healthy environment.

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



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*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 “Medical Waste Disposal Regulation Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to protect the environment and public health by ensuring that all medical and hazardous health care waste is safely and properly handled. The government affirms the importance

of using accredited waste management providers to guarantee safe treatment, transport, and disposal of healthcare waste.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* - This Act shall apply to all public and private clinics, hospitals, diagnostic centers, laboratories, birthing facilities, and other medical institutions operating within the Philippines.

SEC. 4. *Use of Accredited Providers.* - All covered health facilities are required to:

- a. Engage only Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Department of Health (DOH)-accredited medical waste treatment, transport, and disposal service providers;
- b. Maintain a valid service contract with the provider, which includes regular collection, treatment, and final disposal services; and
- c. Keep records and manifests of all medical waste disposal activities, subject to inspection.

SEC. 5. *Accreditation of Providers.* -

- a. The DENR, in coordination with the DOH, shall maintain and regularly update a registry of accredited waste management providers, accessible to all health facilities.
- b. Accreditation shall require compliance with environmental, health, and safety standards as provided by Republic Act No. 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act), Republic Act No. 9275 (Clean Water Act), and Republic Act No. 8749 (Clean Air Act).

SEC. 6. *Monitoring and Inspection.* - The DOH, DENR, and Local Government Units (LGUs) shall conduct regular and random inspections of health facilities to verify compliance. Facilities must make available their waste management contracts, proof of transactions, and other supporting documents upon request.

SEC. 7. *Penalties.* –

a. Any health facility that fails to comply with this Act shall face the following penalties:

- i. First offense: Written warning and 30 days to comply;
- ii. Second offense: Administrative fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000) to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000) and mandatory environmental training;
- iii. Third offense: Suspension of business license or facility operations until full compliance.

b. Accredited providers found violating any rule shall face revocation of accreditation, fines, and prosecution under applicable environmental laws.

SEC. 8. *Incentives for Compliance.* - DOH-accredited health facilities with outstanding waste compliance records shall be eligible for:

- a) Reduced regulatory fees,
- b) Public recognition through a national DOH-DENR seal of safety,
- c) Eligibility for green health facility grants or technical assistance.

SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within 90 days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH and DENR shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), including standard contract templates, accreditation criteria, and reporting protocols.

SEC. 10. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the annual budgets of the DOH and DENR under the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in force.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,