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RESOLUTION NO. SP-_____, S-2016

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 216, ENTITLED "AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "Roger" P. JUAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The state shall 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;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Bilang 702, otherwise known as the "Anti-Hospital Deposit Law", as amended by Republic Act No. 8344, provides that it shall be unlawful for any proprietor, president,

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director, manager or any other officer, and/or medical practitioner or employee of a hospital or medical clinic to request, solicit, demand or accept any deposit or any other form of advance payment as a prerequisite for confinement or medical treatment of a patient in such hospital or medical clinic or to refuse to administer medical treatment and support as dictated by good practice of medicine to prevent death or permanent disability;


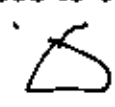

WHEREAS, despite serious efforts to implement R.A 8344, the news is still replete with accounts of those who were turned away by private and even public medical facilities for patient's inability to pay deposit or advance payment;

WHEREAS, Senator Ana Theresa "Risa" Hontiveros Baraquel filed Senate Bill 216 entitled, "An Act Increasing the Penalties for the Refusal of Hospitals and Medical Clinics to Administer Appropriate Initial Medical Treatment And Support In Emergency or Serious Cases, Amending For The Purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 702, otherwise known as An Act Prohibiting the Demand of Deposits or Advance Payments For The Confinement or Treatment of Patients In Hospitals And Medical Clinics In Certain Cases As Amended By Republic Act No. 8344, and For Other Purposes";

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned Senate Bill seeks to amend the "Anti-Hospital Deposit Law" by increasing the penalties imposed in violation thereof, expanding the definition of emergency care to include women in active labor and at risk of miscarriage or fetal distress, and providing incentives for health facilities that provide emergency medical services to indigents;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government believes that preservation of human life should be the paramount consideration and it is high time to fill in the gaps of the said laws so as to address the apparent incessant reports on its violation in variety of forms by imposing more stringent penalties for the same;


WHEREAS, the City Government likewise supports the provision of incentives to these hospitals and medical clinics who shall be willing to provide emergency medical services to our indigent constituents. ✕

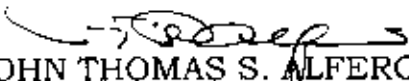
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby strongly support the passage of Senate Bill No. 216 entitled, "An Act Increasing the Penalties for The Refusal of Hospitals and Medical Clinics to Administer Appropriate Initial Medical Treatment and Support In Emergency or Serious Cases, Amending For The Purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang No. 702, otherwise known as An Act Prohibiting The Demand Of Deposits or Advance Payments For The Confinement or Treatment of Patients in Hospitals and Medical Clinics In Certain Cases As Amended by Republic Act No. 8344, and For Other Purposes".

ADOPTED: December 13, 2016.

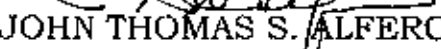

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 13, 2016 and was CONFIRMED on January 30, 2017.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

