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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **5212**, S-2011

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND CONCRETE ACTION ON THE ALLEGED PRACTICE OF HOSPITALS EXACTING PAYMENT FROM NURSING TRAINEES IN ORDER FOR THESE TRAINEES TO MEET THE REQUIRED TRAINING QUOTA IMPOSED BY THE NURSING CURRICULUM.

Introduced by Councilor EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Castelo-Hipolito, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica, John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, Section 18, Article II of the Constitution provides: "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of the workers and promote their welfare";

WHEREAS, several complaints and reports alleged that newly-graduate nursing students now face a problem worse than unemployment as they have to pay for their own training at the hospitals;

WHEREAS, it was alleged that apart from on-the-job trainees (OJT), newly-graduate nurses in most private hospitals are required to pay P3,000 or more every month in order to work as nurses in the said hospitals;

WHEREAS, due to such scheme, it has been alleged that the practice of some hospitals is to freeze the hiring of new nurses and instead accept OJT nursing students or new graduates to supplement the deficient number of nurses in their hospitals;

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WHEREAS, it is unconscionable that aside from high tuition fees, nursing students should also pay hospitals in order to receive training when in fact they work as if they are regular employees;

WHEREAS, the legislature and other pertinent government agencies, such as the Nursing Board, and the Professional Regulation Commission should take appropriate measures to prevent hospitals from making these OJT's and newly-graduate nursing students as their "milking cows" and instead provide a training program and career progression program that will help our nurses to become more competitive both here and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Department of Health to undertake an investigation and concrete action on the alleged practice of hospitals exacting payment from nursing trainees in order for these trainees to meet the required training quota imposed by the Nursing Curriculum.

ADOPTED: June 27, 2011.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 27, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on July 4, 2011.


DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary