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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DRUG TESTING UNIT AT THE QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, MANDATING THE TESTING OF APPREHENDED SUSPECTED DRUG USERS AND PUSHERS WITHIN THE PERIOD OF THEIR DETENTION PRIOR TO THE INQUEST BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA and JULIAN M.L. COSETENG.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Ramon P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Jorge L. Banal, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Dante M. De Guzman, Antonio E. Inton, Jr., Janet M. Malaya, Restituto B. Malafigen and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, at present, there are no government-owned or operated facilities for testing of apprehended suspected users of prohibited or regulated drugs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a drug testing unit if only to ensure that suspected users of prohibited or regulated drugs are immediately identified and given the option of treatment;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to establish a drug testing unit if only to ensure that those who are so apprehended shall not suffer from being arrested under false pretenses:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The Quezon City General Hospital shall set up and operate a drug testing unit to identify users of prohibited or regulated drugs.

SECTION 2. The apprehending officer/s of the Central Police District shall, as a matter of procedure, bring those apprehended for drug-connected crimes or offenses, those suspected of being drug users, for testing at the said unit within the period of their detention prior to inquest by the Office of the City Prosecutor;

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