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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**4243**, S. 2008
(PR2008-192)

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE
"UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY
MEDICINES ACT OF 2008" OR THE "CHEAPER MEDICINES
LAW."**

Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH P. JUICO, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, AIKO S. MELENDEZ, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., FRANZ S. PUMAREN, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO, JAIME F. BORRES, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JANET M. MALAYA, EDCCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, BAYANI V. HIPOL, CONCEPCION S. MALAÑGEN and ALEXIS GRACE R. MATIAS.

WHEREAS, the Constitution states that, "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, statistics show that health care is a major national problem, with four (4) out of ten (10) Filipinos dying every year because of the lack of proper medication;

WHEREAS, the "Cheaper Medicines Law" aims to address the problem of quality health care by making medicines accessible and affordable to the citizenry;

WHEREAS, the "Cheaper Medicines Law" also amends the provisions of the Intellectual Property Code to encourage competition by allowing local firms to test, produce and register generic versions of patented drugs, parallel importation by the government and private sector to import and distribute cheaper medicine and government use of patented drugs when the public interest is at stake;

WHEREAS, the "Cheaper Medicines Law" also grants the President the power to price ceilings on various drugs, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health which include drugs for chronic illnesses, prevention of diseases, and those in the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Essential Drug List;

WHEREAS, the "Cheaper Medicines Law" will truly realize the State's commitment to uplifting the state of health and quality of life for the people.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support the passage of the "Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008" or the "Cheaper Medicines Law."

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City commends such initiatives to make quality health care accessible and affordable for the people.

Handwritten signatures and initials, including a large signature and several smaller initials.


RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Senate of the Philippines, Bureau of Food and Drugs, and other concerned agencies and organizations, for their information.

ADOPTED: June 30, 2008.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer


ATTESTED:



DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
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 June 30, 2008 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.



DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

