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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6401**, S-2015

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL QUEZON CITY HOSPITALS AND OTHER SIMILAR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO STRICTLY OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, ENTITLED "AN ACT PENALIZING 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".

*Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "Roger" P. JUAN.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 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;

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*WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8344, commonly known as the "Emergency Law", provides that in emergency or serious cases, it shall be unlawful for any proprietor, president, 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 x x x;*

*WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "The Local Government Code of 1991", declares that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare including the promotion of health and safety;*

*WHEREAS, Section 1 of Ordinance No. SP-2061, S-2011 requires all hospitals, medical clinics and similar medical institutions to post copies of Republic Act No. 8344 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, in both English and Filipino language, in a conspicuous place as specified in the Ordinance, and providing penalty for non-compliance of said Quezon City medical hospitals;*

*WHEREAS, the same tenor can be found in Ordinance No. SP-1626, S-2005 which specifically directs the posting of Republic Act No. 8344 particularly Section 1, 2, 2a, 2b, and 4 of the said Act in a conspicuous place in the hospital which shall include but not limited to the emergency room, waiting area, cashier, and all floors of the building of said hospitals;*

*WHEREAS, despite serious efforts to implement Republic Act No. 8344 or the "Emergency Law", not all Quezon City hospitals comply with the provisions of the said Republic Act. Thus, there is a need to urge all Quezon City hospitals and other similar medical institutions to strictly observe and comply with the implementation of said Act.*



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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge all Quezon City hospitals and other similar medical institutions to strictly observe and comply with the implementation of Republic Act No. 8344, entitled "An Act Penalizing 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 Advanced Payments for the Confinement or Treatment of Patients in Hospitals and Medical Clinics in Certain Cases".

ADOPTED: June 1, 2015.


  
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 June 1, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on June 8, 2015.*

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

