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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10392

By Representatives Rodriguez, Abueg-Zaldivar, Tan (A.), Dalipe and Tambunting, per Committee Report. No. 1299

AN ACT

REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO EARMARK AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THEIR NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT SHARE FOR HEALTH SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 287 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 287 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 287. Local Development Projects AND HEALTH SERVICES. – Each local government unit shall
 appropriate in its annual budget no less than twenty percent (20%) AND FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) of its
 annual [internal revenue] NATIONAL TAX allotment for development projects AND HEALTH SERVICES,
 RESPECTIVELY. Copies of the development plans AND HEALTH PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PROVISION OF
 FREE MEDICINES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS, of local government units shall be furnished the Department
 of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH).

HEALTH PROGRAMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL
 HEALTH BOARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA SET BY THE DOH PURSUANT
 TO PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL
 HEALTH CARE ACT."

SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

- 21 **SEC. 3.** All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations inconsistent with the 22 provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,