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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED**  
**NURSE TO BE ASSIGNED FOR EVERY BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER**  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that "*The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force...*"<sup>1</sup>

Further, it 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...*"<sup>2</sup>.

The vast resources of competent Filipino nurses present an opportunity for our government to improve the delivery of health services in our country, specifically in far-flung areas normally not catered by health centers.

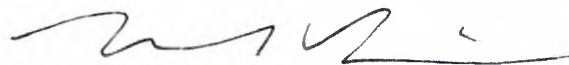
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<sup>1</sup> ARTICLE II, SEC. 18. CONSTITUTION.

<sup>2</sup> ARTICLE XIII, SEC. 11. CONSTITUTION.

The proposed measure will enable the government to utilize our nurses, to curb unemployment or underemployment, by dispatching at least one registered nurse to every barangay, thereby improving health service delivery.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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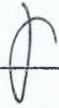
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State affirms labor as a primary social  
2 economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare.  
3 Towards this end, it is further declared the policy of the State to promote a sustained  
4 and cultivated reservoir of national talents, preserving the skills and aptitude of our  
5 trained professionals, particularly our nurses, through the utilization and maximization  
6 of their medical knowledge that will likewise help promote the right of the people to  
7 health, thereby achieving the realization of a healthy and productive citizenry.

8           Sec. 2. *Employment of Nurses in Every Barangay.* – A program is hereby  
9 established herein for the purpose of improving the delivery of public health care  
10 services to the poorest communities in rural areas and underprivileged communities  
11 in urban areas, while providing gainful employment to registered nurses.

12           Sec. 3. *Role of Local Government Units.* – Each local government unit (LGU) is  
13 mandated to employ one (1) registered nurse in every barangay within its jurisdiction.

1           Sec 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this  
2 Act shall be initially charged to the funds of the respective LGUs. Thereafter, the  
3 amount necessary for the full implementation of this Act shall be included in the  
4 respective budget of the LGUs in the General Appropriations Act.

5           Sec 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
6 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
7 remain in force and effect.

8           Sec 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
9 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this  
10 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

11           Sec 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
12 complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,