

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 3500

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	
RECEIVED	
DATE:	06 SEP 2016
TIME:	2:55 PM
BY:	MEU
REGISTRATION UNIT BILLS AND INDEX SERVICE	

Introduced by Congressman ALFRED VARGAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prostate cancer is the second most common type of cancer among men. According to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, 19 out of 100,000 Filipinos are diagnosed with prostate cancer. Dubbed as the "silent killer of men," prostate cancer is asymptomatic and is usually picked up late, with about six out of 10 cases diagnosed in men aged 65 or older.

This bill seeks to establish a program to educate the public, especially Filipino men, and increase awareness on prostate cancer. In particular, it instructs men 40 years old and above to undergo periodic testing for the early detection of prostate cancer. It also teaches men how to prevent the occurrence of prostate cancer by maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Through this initiative, we are able to provide Filipino men with protection from developing prostate cancer and offer diagnosed patients with a better chance of survival.

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


ALFRED VARGAS

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 3500

Introduced by Congressman ALFRED VARGAS

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER AND
OTHER LEADING TYPES OF CANCER

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "**Prostate Cancer Public Awareness Act**".

SEC. 2. *Definition.* - For purposes of this Act, the term:

- (a) Director means the Director of the Non-Communicable Disease Control Service of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of a Program for Public Education on Prostate Cancer and Other Leading Types of Cancer.* - The Director shall carry out a program on prostate cancer and other leading types of cancer. Through the program, he shall conduct or support activities to achieve the following purposes:

- (a) To educate males who are forty (40) years of age or older on the need to periodically undergo physical examinations for prostate cancer and other leading types of cancer, including education on the frequency and type of such examinations that are appropriate for various age groups of such men;
- (b) To educate males on the availability and appropriateness of procedures for detecting the cancer in its early stages, including the procedure known as prostate ultrasound; and
- (c) To educate males on the value of good nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,