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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 457



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Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TO STRICTLY PROHIBIT POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE ADMISSION  
OF PATIENTS AND RENDERING OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN HOSPITALS,  
CLINICS AND ALL OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES**

*WHEREAS*, Article 25 of the United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services."

*WHEREAS*, this human right to health (specifically the availability thereof and immediate access thereto) is also recognized in the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to which the Philippines is a State Party;

*WHEREAS*, Sec. 1, Article 12 of the abovesaid covenant provides that "The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health."

*WHEREAS*, Sec. 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution also provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

*WHEREAS*, despite all these safeguards and institutionalized assurance of one's right to health, the existence of discrimination against persons due to their political beliefs and affiliations is undeniable;

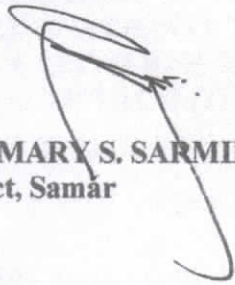
*WHEREAS*, some people are deprived of proper health services or denied immediate health care because of his/her political affiliations;

*WHEREAS*, political beliefs and affiliation should never have to be discussed or be used as basis in admitting or assisting patients in hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities;

*WHEREAS*, political discrimination happens in hospitals, clinics and other health facilities the exact moment a person is denied admission or assistance, or is treated less than any other person because of his/her political beliefs and affiliation;

**WHEREAS**, health is such a fundamental human right that the State must employ all measures to ensure that political discrimination must be stopped and prevented further to afford every person his/her right to health.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Health to urge the Department of Health to strictly prohibit political discrimination in the admission of patients and rendering of health care services in hospitals, clinics and all other health facilities by requiring the posting at the entrance thereof, and in conspicuous areas therein, a signage reminding the health practitioners and the public of the same.



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