Introduced by ACT-CIS Party-list Representative ROWENA NIÑA O. TADURAN

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC) TO PROBE THE REPORTED FAILURE OF MANY GOVERNMENT DOCTORS TO RENDER THE WEEKLY MINIMUM FORTY (40) HOURS OF DUTY

WHEREAS, as a general rule, public officials and employees cannot engage in the private practice of their profession except when allowed by the Constitution or law;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 17 dated September 4, 1986 of the Executive Department allows government employees to engage in the private practice of their profession provided there is a written permission from the department head;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Rule XVII of the Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292 in relation to Sec. 1, Rule XV of the IRR of Republic Act No. 7305 (Magna Carta for Public Health Workers) mandates that public health workers, similar to other government employees, must render eight (8) hours of work per day or forty (40) hours a week;

WHEREAS, there are reports that many government doctors allowed to engage in private practice, despite being paid in full by public hospitals, do not render the minimum forty (40) hours of duty per week;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address this problem because it is disadvantageous to the government and inimical to public health, considering the magnitude of the current pandemic;

RESOLVED, that the Department of Health (DOH) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) are hereby requested to immediately investigate the reported failure of many government doctors to render the minimum forty (40) hours of duty per week;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the DOH and CSC are urged to check the veracity of the attendance records of these government doctors and compare/cross-match the same with their private clinic hours;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the DOH and CSC are hereby requested to render a report to the Committee on Health, copy furnished this representation, within thirty (30) days from today.

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