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RESOLUTION
MANDATING THE COVID-19 INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE (IATF) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND COVID-19 NATIONAL TASK FORCE (NTF) TO FORMULATE NATIONAL GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19 NATIONAL VACCINATION PLAN

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to facilitate inter-sectoral collaboration to establish preparedness and ensure efficient government response to assess, monitor, contain, control, and prevent the spread of any potential epidemic in the Philippines and to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with emerging infectious diseases, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Department of Health (DOH) to provide national policy direction and develop national plans, technical standards and guidelines on health. It is also a regulator of all health services and products; and provider of special or tertiary health care services and of technical assistance to other health providers specially to Local Government Units (LGU).

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the National Task Force (NTF) to spearhead the implementation of the National Action Plan against COVID-19 through
the policy guidance of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

WHEREAS, part of IATF, DOH and NTF's fulfillment of their respective mandates is to take an active part in the formulation of the Philippine's COVID-19 National Vaccination Plan.

WHEREAS, there is a need to further map-out the Philippine's COVID-19 National Vaccination Plan by ensuring that established rules and regulations with respect to Vaccine Evaluation, Acquisition, Storage, Distribution and Administration are set in place.

WHEREAS, established rules and regulations with respect to Vaccine Evaluation, Acquisition and Storage shall include the standard criteria for the selection of providers taking into consideration including but not limited to efficacy rate, purchase price, availability, transportation and storage requirements.

WHEREAS, established rules and regulations with respect to Vaccine Distribution shall include the guide processes for the distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccines to the Local Government Units (LGUs) and standard criteria for the corresponding selection, classification and prioritization of LGU beneficiaries.

A particular numerical target of vaccine administration must be clearly identified and a report with respect to the accomplishment/non-accomplishment of such vaccine administration target must be submitted by the LGU within a specified time from the date of Vaccine administration.

WHEREAS, established rules and regulations with respect to Vaccine Administration shall include the standard criteria for the appropriate vaccine administration essential to the optimal safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines. This includes the determination of the dose, route, schedule for each vaccine, and other guides to the actual vaccination practices.
WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through its appropriate Committee/s enact a law mandating the COVID-19 INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE (IATF) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND COVID-19 NATIONAL TASK FORCE (NTF) to formulate National Guidelines with respect to COVID-19 Vaccination Plan in terms of Vaccine Evaluation, Acquisition, Storage, Distribution and Administration.

Adopted.

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