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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on February 9, 2007, at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 129-2007

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING EVERY MEDICAL MISSION TO BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO GIVE NOTICE AND COORDINATE WITH THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE AND/OR CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS OF THE PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT, COMMUNITY/MEDICARE HOSPITALS FOR ANY PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY INVOLVING MINOR AND/OR MAJOR SURGICAL OPERATIONS, MEDICAL OR DENTAL SERVICES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has an established policy, rules and regulations concerning delivery of health service which serve as a blueprint of the overall health program of the Province;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the invaluable help being provided by the medical missions, it is however, the main concern of the Provincial Government to monitor activities relating to the conduct of medical missions, more particularly those involving minor/major surgical operations, in order to protect the welfare of its constituents against possible injuries brought about by lack of proper training of those performing such operations and those administering the drugs in the course of performing surgical procedures as part of the mission;



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WHEREAS, it is also important that these medical missions conform with the established provincial health program's standards and protocols in order to avoid duplication of health services being rendered by the province's residents and constituents;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not in a way meant to discourage the conduct of medical missions in the province but to maximize the benefits that may be derived there from through coordinated and complementary efforts by and the provincial government and the organizers thereof;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Member Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, duly seconded –

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan in session assembled:

Section 1 – The organizer/s of every medical mission is/are hereby required to give notice and coordinate with the Provincial Health Office and/or Chiefs of Hospitals of the provincial, district, community and medicare hospitals of the province within their jurisdictions for any program or activity involving minor/major surgical operation, medical or dental services that will be conducted within the jurisdiction of Pangasinan at least two (2) weeks prior to the conduct of said activity. Provided, however, that the receipt of the Province through the Provincial Health Office, provincial, district, community and medicare hospitals do not constitute any waiver on the part of the Provincial Government of civil or criminal liability.

Section 2 – The Provincial Health Officer and/or Chiefs of Hospitals of provincial, provincial, district, community and medicare hospitals are hereby assigned to enforce and promulgate guidelines/implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, among others but not limited to:

- a. The organizers shall submit to the PHO or hospital a written plan of care before, during and after the surgical operation performed; especially if the medical mission is to be conducted or sponsored by a foreign medical mission group, so that any post-operation complication/s that may arise/occur can be properly managed by the recipient hospital.



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- b. The drugs and medicines brought in and to be used by the medical mission shall be inspected by the Provincial Therapeutic Committee to ensure that the regulation on drug expiry date is observed and enforced.


Section 3 – Failure of the organizer to give notice will be penalized in the following manner:

- a) First Offense – P2,000.00
b) Second Offense – P3,500.00
c) Third Offense – P5,000.00

Section 4 – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ATTY. VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


VICE GOVERNOR OSCAR B. LAMBINO
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


VICTOR E. AGBAYANI
Governor