

Republic of the Philippines  
Quezon City  
CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance No. NC-117, S-89

ORDINANCE

ENSURING ATTENDANCE TO AND MEDICAL TREATMENT OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS BROUGHT TO ANY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINIC IN QUEZON CITY.

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Introduced by Councilor Isidro R. Saludes.  
Co-Introduced by Councilors Alberto M. Galarpe, Jorge L. Banal, Teodoro N. Ramos, Reynaldo A. Calalay, Eduardo F. David, Dante V. Liban, Vicente D. Biglang-awa, Jose J. Paculdo and Roberto A. Miguel.

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WHEREAS, the medical profession and institutions have been established first and foremost to save lives and the profit-motive is only secondary;

WHEREAS, there is no moral excuse for refusing to save the life of a person who is on the point of death, be he an enemy or a poor person who is unable to make a deposit or secure the necessary medicine;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the City Council of Quezon City in session assembled:

SECTION 1. For purposes of this ordinance, an emergency patient is any person who is suffering from life-threatening illness or serious injuries. The term emergency patient includes a pregnant woman who is undergoing labor pains but cannot deliver the child except by caesarian operation.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the authorities concerned of any hospital and medical clinic to attend towards the proper treatment of any emergency patient brought to a hospital or medical clinic.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any hospital or medical clinic, private or government-owned, to unduly refuse to admit and extend medical care and treatment to an emergency patient.

SECTION 4. Violation of this ordinance shall carry with it the penalty of thirty (30) days imprisonment of arresto menor and a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00), to any person concerned in the non-compliance of the provisions of this ordinance, without prejudice to the filing of a civil complaint or damage suit against the person concerned.



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SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be properly posted in all hospitals and medical clinics in Quezon City.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED October 23, 1989.

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO, III  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) VICENTE A. ALVAREZ  
City Secretary

APPROVED: November 21, 1989

(SGD.) BRIGIDO R. SIMON, JR.  
City Mayor

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