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PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA  
KALAKHANG MAYNILA

Sangguniang Panglungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 05-044

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CLINICS AND THE LIKES, OPERATING IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA TO POST A COPY OF REPUBLIC ACT 8344, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PENALIZING THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES".

Sponsored by:

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**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, it is an open business practice of most hospitals and medical clinics to demand deposits or advance payments for the confinement of patients;

**WHEREAS**, while these medical service establishments desire financial viability, amidst an environment of shrinking financial resources, they too have a social responsibility to administer medical treatment to patients especially in emergency or serious cases regardless of whether or not they can pay advance payment or deposit in consideration for the patients treatment;

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the Philippines enacted Batas Pambansa 702 as amended by RA 8344 apparently to prevent this immoral practice;



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**WHEREAS**, despite the existence of said law, still, a lot of people are not aware of it, thus, it now becomes necessary to utilize all powers of government so the people may be properly informed of their rights as provided by said law;

**WHEREAS**, this Sangguniang Panlungsod, now acts pursuant to the powers expressly granted upon it by law, and those necessarily implied therefrom, to best serve the interest of its residents and constituents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa in session duly assembled that:

Section 1. All hospitals, medical clinics and the likes operating in the City of Muntinlupa shall be required to post the following salient features of RA 8344 in a conspicuous place in the hospital or clinic premises, which shall include but not limited to the emergency room, waiting area, cashier and all floor of the building: **the Title, Section 1, Section 2, Section 2a, 2b and Section 4.**

Section 2. The following fines/penalty/ies shall be imposed upon the hospital or medical clinic administrator, proprietor, owner or any officer of said establishment for failure or refusal to post RA 8344 as required by this Ordinance:

- a. First Offense: Php 3,000.00;
- b. Second Offense: Php 5,00.00;
- c. Third Offense: Revocation and/or cancellation of business permit or any other licenses granted by the City Government.

The said salient features shall be posted in both English and Filipino.

Section 3. The City Health Office being an arm of the Department of Health shall promulgate the implementation of this Ordinance and further tasked to regularly monitor the concerned medical service establishment comply with this Ordinance.

Section 4. Any ordinance/s in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days after publication.

**ENACTED**, by the **Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa** this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **April 2005**, on its **33<sup>rd</sup>** Regular Session.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
CECILIA C. LAZARTE  
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