

ORDINANCE NO. 7939

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON, MEDICAL STAFF, MANAGEMENT AND OWNERS OF ANY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO REFUSE TO ADMIT OR ATTEND TO EMERGENCY CASE PATIENTS IN THE CITY OF MANILA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, THAT:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Manila to set forth rules other than those provided for under R.A. 8344 on medical institutions in favor of patients in emergency cases whose rights and interest such institutions are bound to serve.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.

- a. Emergency cases - shall mean as those cases threatening life and limb which shall require immediate attention and/or treatment regardless of nature and which include but are not limited to wounds and fractures, burns and trauma cases and child delivery.
- b. Admit - shall mean to confine after attending to a patient suffering from an emergency case; the recovery or healing process of which shall require a considerable period of time.
- c. Attend - shall mean to treat or otherwise heed to a patient suffering from an emergency case or treatment whether or not followed by admission.
- d. Hospital - a facility devoted primarily to the diagnosis, treatment and care of individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care. It shall also be construed as any institution, building or place where there are facilities and personnel for the continued and prolonged care of patients.
- e. Emergency treatment and support - any medical or surgical measure within the capability of the hospital or medical clinic that is administered by qualified health care professionals to prevent the deaths or permanent disability of a patient.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, medical staff, management and owners of any private and public hospitals to refuse to admit or attend to emergency case patients in the City of Manila.

SEC. 4. Without prejudice to the penalties imposed under R.A. 8344, violations of the provisions of this Ordinance for at least three (3) occasions shall result to the cancellation of the Mayor's permit/business license issued to the owner(s) thereof.

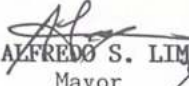
SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

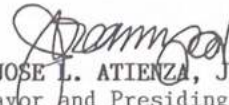
Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, October 9, 1997.

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Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on *December 4, 1997.*


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