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## POSITION PAPER ON HOUSE BILL No. 3163

**AN ACT PROVIDING POLICIES AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES ON SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, EPIDEMICS, AND HEALTH RELATED EVENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.3573 ENTITLED, " AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

The League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) supports the adoption of House Bill (H.B.) No. 3163 which seeks to strengthen surveillance and monitoring of notifiable diseases, epidemics, and health-related incidents and institutionalize speedy responses to the occurrence or spread of any incident that may affect the health and well-being of the citizenry.

However, in declaring epidemics within a local jurisdiction as provided under Section 9 of H.B. No. 3163, the concerned Local Chief Executive (LCE), upon recommendation of the Local Health Officer, should be empowered to make such declaration. The responsibility of managing the affairs of the LGU is lodged with the LCE; hence, the power to make a declaration of an epidemic or the spread of highly-communicable disease in a certain locality must be made by the said LCE.

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