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HOUSE BILL NO. 724



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The ultimate test of excellent health delivery system in any country is probably on its capacity to fully subsidize the costs involved in the care, prevention and treatment of cancer cases.

In fact, to this end, a highly viable program needs to be institutionalized and that sufficient funds have to be appropriated to carry through the goal of actually monitoring the number of cancer cases toward their eventual reduction or mitigation.

No doubt, health as a primary development agendum breathes in the skin of the Constitution. This is so since a healthy people means likewise a healthy society where the given environment is focused on diagnosis, prevention, and mitigation of deaths in cancer cases.

It is the whole intention of this proposed measure to let government achieve a level of excellent health delivery system measured in terms of its capacity to grant full government subsidy to every cancer patient who presumably cannot afford to shoulder the costs and expenses in the treatment of such illness.

The immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

WINSTON "WINNIE" CASTELO

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AN ACT
GRANTING FULL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO CANCER PATIENTS,
INSTITUTIONALIZING A PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted in Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "Cancer Freedom Act of 2013",

SEC. 2. Full government subsidy shall be granted to a cancer patient under treatment in any public or private hospital in the country provided this is duly certified by the hospital where the patient is confined and the attending physician under whose care such patient is being treated.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health in collaboration with the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines and/or issuances to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon ninety (90) days upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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