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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers.

The recent data of the Department of Health shows that the alarming cases of kidney failure or end stage renal diseases are widespread in the country due to the unhealthy lifestyle of many Filipinos and the inadequacy of proper healthcare. The high cost and inaccessibility of the dialysis treatment center and the travel required is impossible to be achieved by the marginalized sector.

The State shall provide the local governments the capacity to provide quality healthcare for their respective indigent constituents by providing dialysis ward for every national, regional and provincial hospitals throughout the entire country.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS
TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

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

SEC 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Dialysis Center Act of 2018.”

SEC 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is the declared policy of the State to improve the delivery of health care services to the people and to ensure hospital facilities are available, affordable and accessible to the people.

SEC 3. **Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a) **“Secretary”** shall refer to the Secretary of the Department of Health;
- b) **“National Government Hospital”** shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department, division, board or other agency thereof.
- c) **“Regional Government Hospital”** shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department, division, board or other agency thereof;
- d) **“Provincial Government Hospital”** shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the provincial government or other political subdivision, or by any department division, board or other agency thereof; and
- e) **“Indigent Patient”** shall refer to a patient whose combined annually family incomes does not exceed Thirty Thousand (₱30,000.00) annually

SEC 4. **Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Ward or Unit.** - Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis ward of unit in their hospital. The dialysis ward unit shall be equipped with complete dialysis machine, equipment and supplies.

SEC 5. ***Free Dialysis Treatment to indigent Patients.*** - Dialysis treatment in all national, regional and provincial government hospitals shall be provided free of charge to indigent patients as defined in Section 3 (e) hereof.

SEC 6. ***Penalty.*** - Any hospital chief, administrator or officer-in-charge who fails to comply with this Act shall be punished with a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00).

SEC 7. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Secretary shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act

SEC 8. ***Appropriations.*** -Such amount as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the government hospital's annual appropriations.

SEC 9. ***Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of part hereof is held invalid of unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC 10. ***Repealing Clause.*** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC 11. ***Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation

Approved,

