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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 8333



Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto**

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past (Rep. Villar's HB 5700) and present Congress.

Hemophilia is a rare bleeding disorder in which the blood doesn't clot normally because it lacks the sufficient blood-clotting proteins. It is a inherited genetic disorder meaning that it is passed from parents to children through genes.

Hemophilia is a lifelong condition with no cure aside from undergoing a liver transplantation which may pose more health problems and complications than hemophilia itself. Despite the lack of cure, it can be managed by knowing when and how to treat a bleeding episode, and getting regular treatments that replace the missing clotting factor.

This measure seeks to address the need for adequate and accessible treatment for Hemophilia patients and at the same time, raise public awareness regarding these bleeding disorders. Also, this measure seeks to provide for the establishment of treatment centers for the early detection of Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH HEMOPHILIA AND OTHER BLEEDING
DISORDERS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE FOUR (4) TREATMENT
CENTERS IN METRO MANILA, LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of Treatment Centers for Persons with Hemophilia and Other Bleeding Disorders. - There shall be four (4) treatment centers to be established for persons with Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders - one in the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) for Metro Manila, one each in a public or state-owned hospital in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

SEC. 2. Establishment of a Small Council to Implement the Provisions of this Act. - A small council shall be established to implement the provisions of this Act. Said small council shall be composed of the following:

- a. A representative from the Department of Health (DOH) to be designated by, and shall be acting as the representative of the Secretary of DOH;
- b. One medical practitioner or a representative from the academe specializing in Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, and
- c. One representative from an organization of patients or persons suffering from Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

SEC. 3. Appropriation. - The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. Continuing Studies and Researches. - The small council shall cause continuing studies and researches for various treatments, detection, approaches to deal with Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,