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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In an archipelagic country like the Philippines, the government must ensure that specialty hospitals should be wisely distributed geographically across the country instead of its concentration in the National Capital Region.

The 1987 Constitution, under Section 15, Article II, provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. In the similar vein, Section 11, Article 13, provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor 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 endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

This bill seeks to provide specialized medical centers for health care services to the people in Visayas and Mindanao by establishing the Philippine Heart Center (PCH) in Visayas and Mindanao, Philippine Children Medical Center (PCMC) in Visayas and Mindanao, National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTi) in Visayas and Mindanao, and Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) in Visayas and Mindanao, as constituent units of PCH, PCMC, NKTi and LCP in Quezon City, Metro Manila.

The establishment of the specialized medical centers in the Visayas and Mindanao can address the needs of our impoverished citizens and lessen the additional burden of traveling to Metro Manila and decongest the central hospitals in order to deliver efficient and effective medical services for those with financial constraints.

In view of the foregoing, support and approval of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING SPECIALIZED HOSPITALS SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINE HEART
CENTER, NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, LUNG CENTER OF
THE PHILIPPINES, PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER IN THE
VISAYAS AND MINDANAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “*Establishment of Specialized Hospitals in Visayas and Mindanao.*”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote and protect the right of the people to health providing specialized health and medical services that will ensure their well-being. Towards this end, the State shall ensure accessibility of medical services, and availability of specialized health care for the prevention, control and treatment of diseases for the people in Visayas and Mindanao regions.

SECTION 3. Specialized Hospitals in Visayas and Mindanao. – As used in this Act, there shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health:

- (a) A Philippine Heart Center in Visayas, and a Philippine Heart Center in Mindanao to be known as the Philippine Heart Center for Visayas and Philippine Heart Center for Mindanao, hereinafter referred to as PHC-Visayas and PCH-Mindanao. The PCHs in Visayas and Mindanao regions shall be constituent specialty hospitals of the Philippine Heart Center and shall be administered by its existing Board of Trustees of the Philippine Heart Center, hereinafter to referred to as the Board.

PHC-Visayas and PCH-Mindanao shall have a bed capacity of five hundred (500) each.

- (b) A Philippine Children Medical Center in Visayas, and a Philippine Children Medical Center in Mindanao to be known as the Philippine Children Medical Center for Visayas and Philippine Children Medical Center for Mindanao, hereinafter referred to as PCMC-Visayas and PCMC-Mindanao. The PCMCs in Visayas and Mindanao regions shall be constituent specialty hospitals of the Philippine Children Medical Center and shall be administered by its existing Board of Trustees of the Philippine Children Medical Center, hereinafter to referred to as the Board.

The PCMC-Visayas and PCMC-Mindanao shall have a bed capacity of five hundred (500) each.

- (c) A National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Visayas, and a National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Mindanao to be known as the National Kidney and Transplant Institute for Visayas, and National Kidney and Transplant Institute for Mindanao, hereinafter referred to as NKTi-Visayas and NKTi-Mindanao. All the NKTIs in Visayas and Mindanao regions shall be constituent specialty hospitals of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute and shall be administered by its existing Board of

Trustees of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, hereinafter to referred to as the Board.

The NKTi-Visayas and NKTi-Mindanao shall have a bed capacity of five hundred (500) each.

- (d) A Lung Center of the Philippines in Visayas, and a Lung Center of the Philippines in Mindanao to be known as the Lung Center of the Philippines for Visayas and Lung Center of the Philippines for Mindanao, hereinafter referred to as LCP-Visayas and LCP-Mindanao. All the LCPs in Visayas and Mindanao regions shall be constituent specialty hospitals of the Lung Center of the Philippines and shall be administered by its existing Board of Trustees of the Lung Center of the Philippines, hereinafter to referred to as the Board.

The LCP-Visayas and LCP-Mindanao shall have a bed capacity of five hundred (500) each.

SEC. 4. *Medical Director.* – The PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTi-Visayas, NKTi-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao shall each be headed by a Medical Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendations of the Board.

The Medical Director shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a) Execute the policies, guidelines and programs approved by the Board, and be responsible for the efficient discharge of management and operational functions;
- b) Submit for the consideration and approval of the Board proposed measures, policies, guidelines and programs as may be deemed necessary or proper for the effective implementation of the purposes and objectives of this Act;
- c) Direct and supervise the management, operation and administration of the PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTi-Visayas, NKTi-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao, and may delegate this power and any or some of his administrative responsibilities and duties to the other officers of the hospitals;
- d) Execute, on behalf of the Board, all contracts and agreement which the latter may enter into, and to execute, accomplish and deliver any and all documents relative to such contracts and agreements;
- e) Represent the PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTi-Visayas, NKTi-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao, on behalf of the Board, in all dealings with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, and all other persons or entities, whether domestic or foreign and whether government or private;
- f) Recommend to the Board the appointment, promotion, transfer, dismissal, and suspension of the officers and employees of the hospitals; and
- g) Exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be vested or reposed by the Board.

SECTION 4. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.* – The Board shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTi-Visayas, NKTi-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao, subject to the evaluation by the Civil Service Commission and of the Organization, Position Classification and Compensation Bureau of the Department of Budget and Management. The Board may reorganize the structure, modify the staffing patter and create or abolish divisions, sections or units in the PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTi-Visayas, NKTi-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao.

SECTION 5. Program for Indigents. – The Board shall ensure that the PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTI-Visayas, NKTI-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao, shall adopt and enforce a program for indigents. The number of beds allocated for indigent patients shall not be less than forty percent (40%) of the total number of hospital bed capacity.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Heart Center, Philippine Children Medical Center, National Kidney and Transplant Institute, and Lung Center of the Philippines, shall jointly issue the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. – The amount of Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) is necessary for the construction of the specialized medical centers of PHC-Visayas, PCH-Mindanao, PCMC-Visayas, PCMC-Mindanao, NKTI-Visayas, NKTI-Mindanao, LCP-Visayas, and LCP-Mindanao.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,