

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE BILL NO. 2809

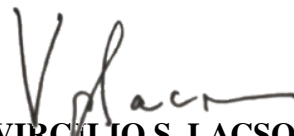
Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE VIRGILIO S. LACSON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The role of teachers has always been recognized in honing the education and learning of our students. Our teachers are the heroes of education because despite the hardships that their profession faces, they remain steadfast and committed to securing the future of our students. It is the duty of the State to look after them, as they look after our students. The state should likewise secure the health and safety of our teachers, as they do so for our students.

No great leader today was without a great teacher. They contribute to society's every achievement. Our every achievement as a nation is built on the patience, diligence, and passion of our teachers. They are perpetually on the front line of our nation towards a greater future. In a time of pandemic, the need for quality education and grooming the next generation for their role in nation building is as ever important.

The bill proposes establishing a hospital in every region in the Philippines where teachers, their relatives, and students will be at ease and their health will be especially nursed. This bill manifests the States policy to prioritize the health, especially those who constantly toil and sacrifice to ensure our children are taken care of and prepared for the future. In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


VIRGILIO S. LACSON
Manila Teachers Party-list

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE BILL NO. 2809

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE VIRGILIO S. LACSON**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND
STUDENTS IN ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY 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 “*Philippine National Hospital for Teachers and Students Act.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to ensure the health and safety of the public by providing infrastructures and quality health services to its people. To this end, the State shall protect the interests and promote the well-being of Filipino teachers and students through the provision of social welfare service.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of Philippine National Hospital for Teachers and Students (PNHTS).* - It is hereby established a National Hospital for Teachers and Students to be located in all regions of the country. Each regional hospital shall be the primary medical facilities for hospitalization and medical care of teachers and students.

Each regional Hospital for Teachers and Students shall be compliant with pertinent laws providing for the minimum standards for hospital operations and constructions, and shall have a bed capacity of at least five hundred (500), which may increase depending on the population of the region.

Each regional Hospital shall also have isolation and quarantine facilities, equipped and ready to address and prevent any threat and spread of contagious and highly contagious diseases, in accordance with international standards and guidelines or recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO).

SECTION 4. *The Board of Trustees.* – The Philippine National Hospital for Teachers and Students (PNHTS) shall be administered by a Board of Trustees, composed of seven (7)

members, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines who shall be the Governing Board of all the hospital facilities of the PNHTS in the different regions of the country.

The six appointive members of the Board of Trustees shall serve with compensation for a period of five (5) years or until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines, and the appointee shall serve for the unexpired term. The Board of Trustees of the PNHTS shall elect a Chairman from among themselves, who shall be presiding officer of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. *The Executive Director.* – There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board who will serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees and shall have the rank of a Bureau Director, with a salary grade of 30 and with a fixed term of five (5) year, renewable for another term. The ED shall exercise administrative supervision of all facilities of the PNHTS and primary implementer of policies and guidelines set by the Board of Trustees with the authority, among others, appoint, remove, and fix the compensation thereof, subject to the approval of the Board.

SECTION 6. *Chief of Hospital.* – A hospital facility of the PNHTS shall be headed by a Hospital Chief, appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of four (4) years on the basis of a search process. The Hospital Chief shall have a salary grade of 28. The Hospital Chief shall be under the supervision of the Executive Director.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The sum of Twenty Billion Pesos (Php. 20,000,000,000) shall be appropriated for the initial operation and maintenance of the hospitals and isolation and quarantine facilities of the PNHTS including the land acquisition, construction and the acquisition of hospital and isolation and quarantine equipment, furniture, and personnel services. Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the continued operation and maintenance of the PNHTS shall be appropriated in the Annual General Appropriations Act for the continued implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act. This shall include the guidelines on the procedure and proper use of the isolation and quarantine facilities.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, guidelines or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

