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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teachers are the guiding smiths that hone, shape and sharpen our next generation. Living challenged lives, sometimes braving remote parts of the country in order to fulfill their passion, mandate and duty. They are the under-appreciated heroes of the Philippine society.

The establishment of a hospital primarily devoted to practicing and retired teachers will give due recognition to the unfathomable contribution of Filipino educators who dedicated their lives in the noblest of callings.

This proposed bill seeks to establish a National Teachers Hospital which shall deliver the much-needed medical services to all Filipino teachers.

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



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3 **AN ACT**
4 **CREATING THE NATIONAL TEACHERS HOSPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES**
5 **AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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8 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
9 *Congress assembled:*
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11 **SECTION 1, Short Title** - This Act shall be known as the "National
12 Teachers Hospital Act of the Philippines"
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14 **SECTION 2, Declaration of Policy** - The state shall establish, maintain
15 and ensure adequate health services to guarantee the well - being of every
16 Filipino.
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18 **SECTION 3, Creation of the National Teachers Hospital of the**
19 **Philippines** - There is hereby created under the supervision of the Department
20 of Health, the National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines.
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22 **SECTION 4, Board of Trustees** - The National Teachers Hospital of the
23 Philippines shall be governed and its activities and properties be directed and

1 controlled and managed by a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of a
2 Chairman and eight (8) members two of whom are bona fide teachers licensed by
3 the Professional Regulatory Commission, the medical director of the National
4 Teachers Hospital, all of whom to be appointed by the President of the
5 Philippines upon the recommendation of the Department of Health and the
6 Department of Education jointly, the Secretary of the Department of Education,
7 the Secretary of the Department of Health, the Chairman of the House of
8 Representatives Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Chairman of
9 the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, all of whom shall
10 serve as ex officio members.

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12 The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for a period of six (6)
13 years and / or until their successors shall have been appointed to fill the vacancy
14 shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member. Whenever a vacancy shall
15 occur in the board, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for
16 the unexpired term of the member.

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18 The Board shall elect a Chairman from among themselves, who shall be
19 the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees.

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21 Five (5) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum to
22 transact business and any decision of such five (5) members on any matter duly
23 presented to the Board of Trustees shall constitute a valid and binding act of the
24 National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines.

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26 **SECTION 5, Purpose and Objective** – The National Teachers Hospital of
27 the Philippines shall have the following purpose and objectives:

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29 (a) To construct, establish, equip, maintain, administer and operate such
30 integrated medical institution or institutions that shall cater to
31 practicing and retired teachers.

1 (b) To provide bona fide licensed Filipino teachers, practicing or retired
2 otherwise, with free and / or subsidized medicines and medical
3 attention.

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5 **SECTION 6, Government Contribution** – The Government shall
6 contribute the necessary land, building, equipment and facilities to the
7 National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines.

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9 **SECTION 7, Property of the Hospital** – The property of the National
10 Teachers Hospital of the Philippines shall consist of real, personal, mixed and
11 other types of property, new owned or reserved for, or may hereafter be given,
12 donated, acquired, transferred or conveyed to the National Teachers Hospital of
13 the Philippines by the government, its branches and instrumentalities, any
14 foreign government, as well as by trust, foundations, corporations, or persons,
15 alien or domestic, in order to carry out its purposes and objectives as set forth
16 herein.

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18 **SECTION 8, Powers** – For the attainment and / or furtherance of the
19 above enumerated purpose and objectives, the National Teachers Hospital of the
20 Philippines, acting through its Board of Trustees, shall have the following orders
21 and functions, among other things:

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23 (a) To contract and be contracted with;

24 (b) To adopt by-laws, rules and regulations not contrary to law to govern
25 the administration and operation of the affairs of the National Teachers
26 Hospital of the Philippines;

27 (c) To purchase, receive, take grand, holed, convey, sell, lease, pledge,
28 transfer, convey, exchange, mortgage and otherwise deal with such
29 property of whatever nature the transaction of the lawful business of
30 the National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines may reasonably and
31 necessarily require subject to the limitations prescribed by law;

32 (d) To obtain loans, borrow funds and/or arrange financing or credit
33 assistance of whatever kind and nature from all lawful sources,

1 whether domestic or foreign and whether government or private, and
2 to mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber any of its properties and
3 assets for the purpose of securing or guaranteeing the performance or
4 fulfillment of any obligation it may undertake for itself or for other
5 entities in which it may be interested;

6 (e) To advance the training of personnel in Philippine conventions,
7 conferences, congresses, seminars to accomplish the purpose and
8 objectives of the National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines;

9 (f) To exercise such other powers and functions as may be necessary to
10 carry out the purposes of the National Teachers Hospital of the
11 Philippines.

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14 **SECTION 9, Tax Exemption on Donations** – All donations, contributions
15 or endowment which may be made by entities or persons to the National
16 Teachers Hospital of the Philippines shall be exempt from income and gift taxes.

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18 The National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines shall be exempt from
19 the payment of all taxes, charges and fees imposed by the government or any
20 political subdivision or instrumentality thereof.

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22 **SECTION 10, Appointment, Promotion; Terms and Conditions of**
23 **Employment** – The National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines and its officers
24 and employees shall be covered by the Civil Service Law, rules and regulations,
25 and by the office of the Compensation and Position Classification. The officers
26 and employees of the National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines shall be
27 appointed or promoted pursuant to management policies and / or appropriate
28 merit and fitness system as may be adopted by the Board.

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30 **SECTION 11, Assistance from Government Offices** – The National
31 Teachers Hospital of the Philippines may call upon any department, bureau,
32 offices and agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government

1 - owned and controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the
2 pursuit of purposes and objectives.

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4 **SECTION 12, Appropriations** - The amount of one billion pesos is hereby
5 appropriated for the initial operation of the National Teachers Hospital of the
6 Philippines which shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of
7 Health and the Department of Education jointly under the current General
8 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the continued
9 operation and maintenance of the National Teachers Hospital of the Philippines
10 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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12 **SECTION 13, Auditing** - The books of accounts of the National Teachers
13 Hospital of the Philippines shall be subject to periodic auditing by the
14 Commission on Audit.

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16 **SECTION 14, Annual Report** - The National Teachers Hospital of the
17 Philippines shall render to the Department of Health and the Department of
18 Education, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines an
19 annual report on its operations and accomplishments.

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21 **SECTION 15, Effect of Dissolution** - If for any reason, the National
22 Teachers Hospital of the Philippines is dissolved, its properties and assets
23 remaining at the time of such dissolution, its properties and assets remaining at
24 the time of such dissolution shall revert to the Philippine Government for
25 disposition in accordance with law.

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27 **SECTION 16. Separability Clause** - If any provision of this Act is held
28 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in
29 force and effect.

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31 **SECTION 17. Repealing Clause** - All laws, decrees, orders and rules and
32 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
33 repealed or amended accordingly.

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2 **SECTION 18. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
3 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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5 Approved.

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