



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3479



**Introduced by Representative Lorenz R. Defensor,
James "Jojo" A. Ang, Jr. and Michael B. Gorriceta**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Philippine Children's Medical Center for Visayas.

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" Further, Paragraph 2, Section 3 of Article XV states that "*The State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.*"

Section 11, Article XIII 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.*"

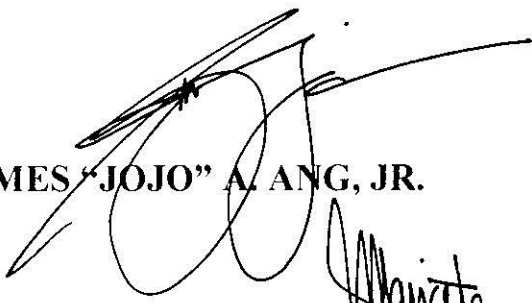
Consistent with the above-cited constitutional provisions, this bill aims to establish specialized medical centers and provide a full range of health care services to children in the Visayas.

Currently, only residents of Metro Manila and its nearby provinces are able to avail of government-sponsored medical care for infants and children through the PCMC in Quezon City. Its location is not accessible to those living in Visayas.

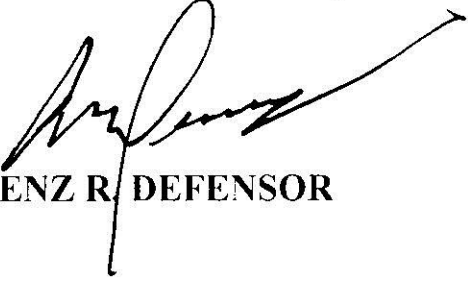
With the ever increasing population of the Visayas, it is imperative for the government to establish medical centers in the said regions that will cater to the medical needs of children especially from poor families. Iloilo City and Davao City are ideal locations for the children's medical center because of its proximity to other provinces.

The establishment of PCMC-Visayas will alleviate the plight of parents and children in these regions of additional costs and burden of travelling to Quezon City in order to avail of the medical services of PCMC. These medical centers will ensure the availability and accessibility of medical services for children in the Visayas. It will also enable the children to avail of specialized health care for the prevention and treatment of pediatric diseases.

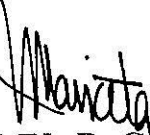
In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



JAMES "JOJO" A. ANG, JR.



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER**
3 **FOR VISAYAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
6 *Congress assembled:*
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8 SECTION 1. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to protect
9 and promote the right to health of the people, especially the children, including
10 proper care and nutrition and to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to
11 health development. Towards this end, the State shall ensure the accessibility of
12 medical services and the availability of specialized health care to children in the
13 Visayas and Mindanao regions.

14 SEC. 2. ***Philippine Children’s Medical Center for Visayas.***– There shall be
15 established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a Philippine
16 Children’s Medical Center in the Province of Iloilo to be known as the Philippine

1 Children's Medical Center for Visayas, hereinafter referred to as PCMC – Visayas.

2 The PCMC-Visayas shall be specialty hospitals.

3 The PCMC - Visayas shall have a bed capacity of at least one hundred fifty
4 (150).

5 SEC. 3. **Medical Director.** – The PCMC -Visayas shall each be headed by a
6 Medical Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

7 The Medical Director shall exercise the following powers and functions:

8 (a) Execute the policies, guidelines and programs approved by the Board, and
9 be responsible for the efficient discharge of management and operational functions;

10 (b) Submit for the consideration and approval of the Board proposed
11 measures, policies, guidelines and programs as may be deemed necessary or proper
12 for the effective implementation of the purposes and objectives of this Act;

13 (c) Direct and supervise the management, operation and administration of the
14 PCMC -Visayas, and may delegate this power and any or some of his administrative
15 responsibilities and duties to the other officers of the hospital;

16 (d) Execute, all contracts and agreements which the latter may enter into, and
17 to execute, accomplish and deliver any and all documents relative to such contracts
18 and agreements;

1 (e) Represent the PCMC - Visayas, on behalf of the, in all dealings with other
2 offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, and all other persons or
3 entities, whether domestic or foreign and whether government or private;

4 (f) Recommend the appointment, promotion, transfer, dismissal, and
5 suspension of the officers and employees of the hospitals; and

6 (g) Exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be vested upon
7 him or her by law.

8 SEC. 4. ***Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.*** – The DOH shall
9 determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the PCMC - Visayas
10 subject to the evaluation by the Civil Service Commission and of the Organization,
11 Position Classification and Compensation Bureau of the Department of Budget and
12 Management.

13 SEC. 5. ***Program for Indigents.*** – The PCMC - Visayas shall adopt and
14 enforce a program for indigents. The number of beds allocated for indigent patients
15 shall not be less than forty percent (40%) of the total number of hospital beds.

16 SEC. 6. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Secretary of Health,
17 shall formulate and promulgate, the rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of
18 this Act.

19 SEC. 7. ***Appropriations.***—The amount of Ten billion pesos
20 (P10,000,000,000.00) out of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated is

1 hereby appropriated for the establishment, initial operation and maintenance of the
2 PCMC - Visayas. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued
3 operation and maintenance of the PCMC - Visayas shall be included in the annual
4 General Appropriations Act.

5 SEC. 8. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules
6 and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
7 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 9. ***Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
9 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

10 Approved,