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HOUSE BILL NO. 3487

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOSE MA. R. ZUBIRI, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the World Health Organization data in 2020, kidney disease deaths in the Philippines reached 39,380 or 5.84% of total deaths. About 120 Filipinos develop chronic renal failure per million population per year and that is the main reason why kidney diseases especially End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) are already the 7th leading cause of morbidity among the Filipinos. Worldwide there are approximately more than 1 million people who are on renal replacement therapy and 5,000 at the least are Filipino patients are presently undergoing dialysis and this number is continuously growing. The age adjusted Death Rate is 51.96 per 10,000 of population that ranks us No. 10 in the world.

This bill seeks to amend the Charter of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTi) which is a tertiary medical specialty center formerly known as the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines (NKFP) created on January 16, 1981 by virtue of President Decree 1832 signed by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos. By virtue of Republic Act No. 8020, the NKTi was renamed from National Kidney Institute (NKI) and designated as the lead center for organ transplantation. It was created with a three-fold mission of Service, Training and Research primarily for the benefit of the Filipino people afflicted with kidney and allied diseases and in pursuance of the policy of the State to secure the well-being of the people by providing them with specialized health and medical services. Presently, it is the only government hospital specializing in renal diseases and organ transplantation and the center for referral of kidney patients from various regional hospitals nationwide and is reorganized as the lead agency in voluntary blood services.

Renal transplantation is limited due to the expense and the shortage of donors and the cost of medical treatment for kidney diseases is very expensive and beyond the reach of the poor Filipino. Patients suffering from kidney diseases from all over the country are often faced with no other choice but to travel in Quezon City where the National Kidney and Transplant Institute is to seek specialized medical assistance from the government due to lack of local facilities that can accommodate their medical needs. The location of NKTi adds a burden on patients especially the poor through the added expenses such as transportation (land and air), accommodation, lodging and other miscellaneous expenditures.

This bill therefore seeks to address the aforementioned issues and make quality medical care and services more accessible by establishing National Kidney and Transplant Institute in the Municipality of Maramag the Province of Bukidnon.

Thus, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

REP. JOSE MA. R. ZUBIRI, JR.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 11 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1832, ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8020, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Sec. 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1832, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Creation of the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines. There is hereby created a body corporate and politic to be known as the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, which shall implement the intent and spirit of this Decree. The Foundation shall have its principal office in Metro Manila, and may have such branch offices, hospitals, clinics or subsidiaries in other areas in the Philippines as it may deem proper and necessary. The FOUNDATION shall be under the Office of the President of the Philippines.

THE NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG. ALL OF THESE FACILITIES SHALL HAVE A HOSPITAL DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION.

Sec. 2. Section 11 of the Presidential Decree No. 1832, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11. Government Contribution. The amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Casino Trust Fund which I hereby ordered released to defray the initial operational expenses of the FOUNDATION. **THE SUM AMOUNT**

OF ONE BILLION PESOS (P1,000,000,000.00) SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EACH HOSPITAL INSTITUTE, INCLUDING THE LAND ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENTS, FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND PERSONNEL SERVICES. Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the continued operation and maintenance of the FOUNDATION shall be continued in the **ANNUAL** General Appropriations Act **FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND RELEASED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.**

Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Board of Trustees shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, deemed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause. – 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,