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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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NINETEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. **4038**

Introduced by **REP. PRINCESS RIHAN M. SAKALURAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The Constitution likewise asserts 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.

Further, the fundamental law of the land declares that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children and that the State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

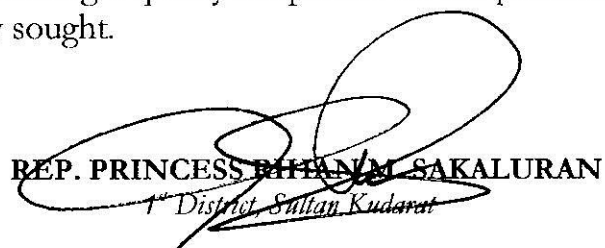
In the new normal, the medical field took the center stage in shaping what the post-pandemic society will be. It is huge disservice, however, that despite the constitutional exhortations of developing comprehensive reforms in the medical field, the State has yet to fully exhaust all means in supporting and funding government hospitals. The reality on the ground is that current set-up are not sufficient to address most if not all the health concerns of the people, patients are more likely referred to or transferred and had travel to the closest tertiary hospital in the surrounding regions.

Thus, considering many patients in the provinces are undergoing dialysis treatment, the aim of this bill is to provide all provincial hospitals with complete Dialysis Machines for treatment to indigent patients to address the absence of such

hospital equipment specially for provincial hospitals whose budget are not enough to procure or at least repair their existing equipment/machine.

In doing so, the hospital becomes more competent in serving the needs of its local constituents, particularly the indigent members of the community.

To reach this objective of providing a quality hospital in all the provinces, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING ALL PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS WITH COMPLETE
DIALYSIS TREATMENT MACHINES AND PROVIDING FREE
DIALYSIS TREATMENTS TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. - All Provincial Hospitals shall be provided with complete Dialysis Treatment Machines for use in the dialysis treatment to indigent patients.

Section 2. *Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients.* Dialysis treatment in all provincial government hospitals shall be provided free of charge to indigent patients in their respective areas.

Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and the Secretary of Department of the Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. *Appropriations.* Such amount as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National

Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the government hospital's annual appropriations

Section 5. – Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. – Repealing Clause. All laws, executive and administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.