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HOUSE BILL NO. 6216

Introduced by HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING

**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A
DIALYSIS CENTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDE FREE
DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 15, Art. II of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

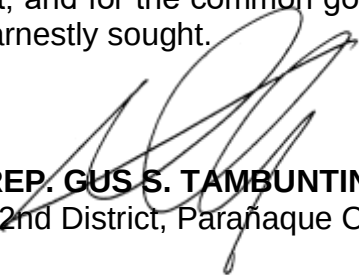
Sec. 11, Art. XIII of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Since it is costly to have dialysis, I have filed a bill called the Dialysis Center Act.

This bill aims to require all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis center in their respective hospital and provide free dialysis treatment to indigent patients.

Within two years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis center in their hospital. The dialysis center shall be equipped with a complete dialysis machine, equipment, and supplies.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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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 the “Dialysis Center Act”.

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
improve the delivery of healthcare services to the people and to ensure that public
specialty healthcare services and hospital facilities are made affordable and accessible
to the people. Towards this end, the State shall create Dialysis centers in all national,
regional, and provincial government hospitals throughout the country.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms
shall mean:

- a) National Government Hospital shall refer to a hospital operated and
maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any
department, division, board, or other agency thereof;
- b) Regional Government Hospital shall refer to a hospital operated and
maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any
department, division, board, or other agency thereof;
- c) Provincial Government Hospital shall refer to a hospital operated and

maintained either partially or wholly by the provincial government or other political subdivision, or by any department division, board or other agency thereof; and,

d) Indigent Patient shall refer to a person who has no visible means of income, or whose income is insufficient for the subsistence of his family, as identified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Sec. 4. Establishment of Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Center. -

Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis center in their hospital. The dialysis center shall be equipped with a complete dialysis machine, equipment, and supplies.

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Sec. 5. Free Dialysis Treatment for Indigent Patients. - Dialysis treatment in all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals shall be provided free of charge to Indigent patients as defined in Section 3 (e) hereof.

Sec. 6. Penalty. - Any hospital chief, administrator, or officer in charge who fails to comply with this Act shall be punished with a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP 50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP 100,000.00).

Sec. 7. Appropriations. - The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be taken from the current applicable appropriations of the Department of Health (DOH) and overall savings of the National Government. Thereafter, funds for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause. - If any provision, section, or part of this Act shall unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate, or impair any

other provisions, sections, or parts hereof.

Sec. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. 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