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House Bill No. **1234**



Introduced by **Representative Jefferson F. Khonghun**

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIALTY HOSPITAL IN DIFFERENT REGIONS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED CARE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATION NOTE

An ideal healthcare consists of quality, affordability and accessibility; Hence, it is important that we look at the ways in which it can be made accessible for the constituents we serve.

President Ferdinand “Bongbong Marcus Jr’s initiative to strengthen the healthcare system capacity, and to build more specialty hospitals in tother parts of the country, was mentioned during hid first state of the nation address (SONA). According to him, one of the cornerstones of a strong healthcare system is the provision of competent and efficient medical professionals.

With this mandate, we should exert all efforts to improve the welfare of our doctors, nurses, and other medical frontliners ang to build specialty hospitals all over the country. Its is imperative that patients seeking medical care needs not travel all the ways to Metro Manila to seek assistance from multispecialty hospital, including the Philippine Heart Center, the Lung Center of the Philippines ang the National Kidney Transplant Institute. Our people from far-flung provinces will greatly benefit from the establishment of multi- specialty hospitals within region.

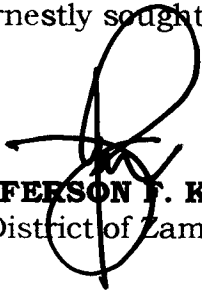
Senate Bill (SB) 93 intended to provide all Filipinos with easier access to specializes medical care, giving priority to those residing in far-flung regions. Under the said bill, four Metro Manila specialty hospital must establish satellite hospital in identified regions to operate and manage according to their respective charters.

Akin to SB 93, this proposed legislation seeks to establish specialty hospital across the regions of the Philippines for ease of access to patients located therein This is not to discredit the efficacy of hospital and clinics, as well as doctor stationed outside of Metro Manila, but the stigma lingers on, it is a reality that must be over turned by them.

In the meantime, this bill unloads the burden on the part of our already ailing citizens: that instead of having to travel to specialty hospitals in Metro Manila and neighboring cities and municipalities, our citizens may avail of efficient and competent treatments of specialty hospitals that could potentially be established in their regions.

Moreover, this bill seeks to invite back our nurses and medical practitioners who are based abroad, With the projected presence of these regional specialty hospitals, it is positive that all of our citizens will receive the same efficient and competent treatments that they provided to their foreign patients. In the same vein, the country has lost a lot f its health workers due to the COVID 19 pandemic. It is for this reason that this proposed legislation stands as an encouragement to our educational institutions to produce more health care workers and medical practitioners for they may soon be housed under the said regional specialty hospitals.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill 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 Multi- specialty Hospitals in Different Regions Act of 2022.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – Well enshrined in the 1987 Constitution is the mandate of the state to promote the right to Health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. In doing so, the state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development by providing them specialized health services, which shall be available and accessible to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, disabled, women and children.

SECTION 3. Establishment of multi-Specialty hospital in Different Regions. There shall be established a multi-specialty hospital in every region of the Philippines, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH)

The following specialty hospitals are mandated to establish a multi-specialty hospital in every identified to be managed and operated pursuant to their respective charters:

1. Philippine Heart Center created under Presidential Decree No. 673
2. National Kidney and Transplant Institute created under Presidential Decree No. 1832
3. Lung center of The Philippine created under Presidential Decree No. 161823 and
4. Philippine Children’s Medical Center created under Presidential Decree No. 1631

Provided, that this specialty hospital must formulated prioritization plans for

the purpose of implementing this Act, giving to provinces which are geographically isolates from their regions tertiary care hospital, or those without a regional care hospital.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as restricting the right of the Department of Health (DOH) to establish specialty hospitals or specialized units in DOH Hospitals in different regions.

SECTION 4. Period of Implementation – The establishment of at least one (1) multi-specialty hospitals in identified regions shall be completed over a period of Five (5) years: Provided, that payments for amortization of outstanding multi-year contract obligation incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period.

SECTION 5. Report TO Congress- Within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the executive directors of the specialty hospitals shall present a report to congress identifying the regions where the multi-special hospitals will be constructed and detailing the construction plan od said multi-specialty hospital, together with the hospital development plan.

For this purpose, the Congress shall establish a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee composed of five (5) members of each house to be appointed by the Senate President and the House Speaker, respectively, to determine whether such acts, orders rules and regulation within the restrictions provided herein.

SECTION 6. Sunset Review _ as the need arises or within five (5) years after its effectivity, the Congressional Oversight Committee shall conduct a systematic evaluation of the accomplishment and impact of this Act for purposes of determining remedial legislation.

SECTION 7. Appropriations – The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall from the current years budget of the specialty hospitals enumerated in Section 3 of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be incorporated in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and regulations – Within ninety (90) days from the effectively of this Act, The Department of Health, in coordination with the specialty hospitals enumerated in Section 3 hereof, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause _ Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid or invalid, other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause – All Laws, decrees executive orders, proclamation, rules and regulation, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectively – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of this publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,