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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3307



Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require the establishment of dialysis clinics in all national, regional and provincial hospitals and providing for free dialysis treatments to indigent patients.

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.

Kidney problems has consistently ranked among the top 10 causes of morbidity in the Philippines. According to the latest WHO data published in 2020 Kidney Disease Deaths in Philippines reached 39,380 or 5.84% of total deaths. The age adjusted Death Rate is 51.96 per 100,000 of population ranks Philippines #10 in the world.

For Filipinos living below the poverty line, the cost of dialysis at P2,500 per session is too much to bear. Given the current situation of kidney disease in the country, a State provision for this particular health issue is imperative. The increase in the cases entails an increase in support by the State, especially for indigent patients.

This bill proposes to address this by establishing dialysis clinics in all national, regional, and provincial hospitals in the country to serve the needs of the public. The National Kidney and Transplant Institute serves an average of 34,000 dialysis sessions every year and takes in cases for patients from outside the National Capital Region. Branching out the units that can provide dialysis treatments to the regions and provinces and provide them for free, as the bill proposes, would help in battling chronic kidney diseases in the country.

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

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VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

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13 **AN ACT**
14 **REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIALYSIS CLINICS IN ALL NATIONAL,**
15 **REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING FOR FREE**
16 **DIALYSIS TREATMENTS TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
17 **THEREFOR**
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20 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
21 assembled:
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23 Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Dialysis Center Act".
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25 Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to improve the delivery of
26 health care services to the people and to ensure hospital facilities are available, affordable, and
27 accessible to the people.
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29 Section 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms as used in
30 this Act shall mean the following:
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- 32 (a) "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of the Department of Health;
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34 (b) "National Government Hospital" refers to a hospital operated and maintained either
35 partially or wholly by the National Government or by any department or division,
36 board, or other agency thereof;
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38 (c) "Regional Government Hospital" refers to a hospital operated and maintained either
39 partially or wholly by the Regional Government or by any department, division, board,
40 or other agency thereof;
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42 (d) "Provincial Government Hospital" refers to a hospital operated and maintained either
43 partially or wholly by the Provincial Government or by any department, division,
44 board, or other agency thereof; and
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1 (e) "Indigent Patient" refers to a patient whose combined annual family income does not
2 exceed thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00).
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4 Section 4. Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Ward or Unit. - Within
5 two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, regional, and provincial government
6 hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis ward in their hospital.
7 The dialysis ward or unit shall be equipped with the complete dialysis machine, equipment and
8 supplies.
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10 Section 5. Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients. - Dialysis treatment in all national,
11 regional and provincial government hospitals shall be provided free of charge to indigent patients
12 as defined in Section 3 (e) thereof.
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14 Section 6. Penalty. - Any hospital chief, administrator or officer-in-charge who fails to
15 comply with this Act shall be punished with a fine of fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) but not
16 more than one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00).
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18 Section 7. Implementing Agencies. - Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act,
19 the Secretary shall provide the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary to carry out
20 the provisions of this Act. The IRR shall be published in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
21 general circulation.
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23 Section 8. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act
24 is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount
25 necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the government
26 hospitals' annual appropriations.
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28 Section 9. Separability Clause. - If any portion or provision of the Act is declared void or
29 unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected by such
30 declaration.
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32 Section 13. Repealing Clause. - Any provision of law or regulations inconsistent herewith
33 is hereby repealed, revoked, or modified accordingly.
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35 Section 14. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
36 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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