

1 Republic of the Philippines
2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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5 **TWENTIETH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session
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9 **HOUSE BILL NO. 3314**
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12 Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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17 This bill seeks to establish a Heart Center of the Philippines - Visayas in the Municipality
18 of Liloan in the Province of Cebu.
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20 The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 3879, which was previously filed in the
21 19th Congress on August 22, 2022. It was subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health
22 on August 30, 2022. However, up to the present, the proposal has not materialized.
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24 Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an
25 integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make
26 essential goods, health and other social services available to the people at affordable cost.
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28 Presidential Decree No. 673 (s. 1975) created the Philippine Heart Center, which aimed to
29 benefit the people of the Philippines by further enhancing the noble undertaking of research in
30 heart and allied diseases, and to render specialized medical services for the prevention and
31 treatment of heart and allied diseases.
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33 In his first State of the Nation Address, President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr.
34 emphasized that a stronger health care system and more health centers and hospitals are necessary.
35 Therefore, specialty hospitals like the Heart Center and Lung Center should not only be in the
36 National Capital Region but also in other areas of the country.
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38 Data taken from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), as compiled from the
39 Department of Health (DOH), the Philippine Heart Association (PHA), government and private
40 hospitals, and other healthcare, indicate that ischaemic heart diseases were the leading cause of
41 death from January to October 2021 with 110,332 cases or 18.3% of the total deaths in the country.
42 This was a 28.0% increase from the 86,164 deaths or 16.9% of the total deaths in the country
43 during the same period in 2020.
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45 It is evident that there is a need to put up Heart Centers in the provinces in order to
46 decentralize the services in the National Capital Region. With the increasing number of heart

1 disease cases in the country, medical services should be accessible and affordable to Filipinos in
2 remote areas.

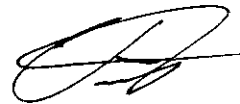
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4 Liloan is a first class municipality in the province of Cebu, with a total land area of 5,210
5 hectares. As of 2020 per the Philippine Census of Population, the population of Liloan is pegged
6 at 153,197 persons residing in its 14 barangays.

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8 At present, there is an increasing number of residents in Liloan, Cebu diagnosed with heart
9 illnesses. The current medical facilities in the province of Cebu do not provide for specialized
10 treatment of the illnesses, the nearest hospital facilities that can treat these illnesses are in Iloilo
11 City. It is thus imperative that specialized medical services should be provided for those with heart
12 and other allied diseases in the province of Cebu.

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14 The establishment and maintenance of the Heart Center of the Philippines – Visayas will
15 give true meaning to the Constitutional policy of providing efficient and effective health care
16 system that is responsive to the health needs and problems of the people.

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18 In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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15 **AN ACT**
16 **PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEART CENTER IN THE**
17 **MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS**
18 **THE HEART CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES – VISAYAS, AND APPROPRIATING**
19 **FUNDS THEREFOR**
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21 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
22 assembled:
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24 Section 1. Creation of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas; Board of Trustees. There is
25 hereby created a trust, for the benefit primarily of the Filipino people, under the name and style of
26 "Philippine Heart Center – Visayas" hereinafter referred to as the Philippine Heart Center –
27 Visayas.
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29 The Philippine Heart Center – Visayas shall be administered by a Board of Trustees,
30 composed of seven (7) members, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The Director
31 of the Center shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees.
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33 The six appointive members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation for
34 a period of three (3) years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Any
35 vacancy in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines, and the
36 appointee shall serve for the unexpired term. The Board of Trustees of the Philippine Heart Center
37 – Visayas shall elect a Chairman from among themselves, who shall be presiding officer of the
38 Board of Trustees.
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40 The Director of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the
41 Board. The Director shall act as the chief executive officer of the Philippine Heart Center –
42 Visayas, with authority, among others, to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of the
43 personnel thereof, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.
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1 Four (4) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum transact business and
2 any decision of such four members on any matter duly presented to the Board of Trustees shall
3 constitute a valid and binding act of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas.
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5 Section 2. Government contributions. – The Government shall constitute the necessary
6 land, building, equipment and facilities, to the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas, and shall pay
7 such obligations for real, personal and mixed properties arising from such undertaking under a
8 deferred payment arrangement within 5 years, at a preferred rate of interest.
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10 Section 3. Property of the Center. – The Property of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas
11 shall consist of such real, personal, mixed, and other type of property, now owned or reserve for,
12 or may hereafter be given, donated, acquired, transferred or conveyed to, the Philippine Heart
13 Center – Visayas by the Philippine Government, its branches and instrumentalities, any foreign
14 government, as well as by trust, foundations, corporations, or persons, alien or domestic, in order
15 to carry out its purposes and objectives as set forth herein.
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17 Section 4. Purposes and objectives. – The purposes and objectives of the Philippine Heart
18 Center – Visayas are:
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- 20 1. To construct, establish, operate and maintain a heart center for the public welfare,
21 including a specialized heart hospital;
- 22 2. To promote, encourage and engage in scientific research on the prevention of cardio-
23 vascular diseases and the care and/or treatment of heart patients and related activities,
24 including sponsorship and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars, and
25 conferences;
- 26 3. To stimulate and/or underwrite scientific researches on the biological, demographic,
27 social, economic, eugenic, physiological aspects of cardio-vascular disorders and
28 abnormalities and their control; and gather, compile, and publish the findings of such
29 researches for public dissemination;
- 30 4. To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information
31 on the prevention, treatment and control of heart diseases, to arouse, enhance and
32 develop public interest on heart consciousness or awareness, general health and
33 physical fitness, especially on human cardio-vascular requirements and other relevant
34 or related fields;
- 35 5. To encourage and/or undertake the training of physicians, nurses, medical technicians,
36 health officers and social workers on the practical and scientific conduct and
37 implementation of cardiac services, and related activities;
- 38 6. To assist universities, hospitals and research institutions in their studies of cardio-
39 vascular anomalies, to encourage advanced training on matters of, or affecting the
40 heart, and related fields and to support educational programs of value to general health;
- 41 7. To encourage the formation of other organization on the national, provincial, city,
42 municipal or barangay level and to coordinate their various efforts and activities for the
43 purpose of achieving a more effective programmatic approach on the common
44 problems relative to the objectives herein enumerated; and
- 45 8. To extend medical and cardiological services to the general public, to help prevent,
46 relieve or alleviate the innumerable cardio-vascular afflictions and maladies of the

1 people specially the poor and less fortunate in life, without regard to race, creed, color
2 or political belief.

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4 Section 5. Powers. – For the attainment and/or furtherance of the above purposes and
5 objectives, the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas, as a body corporate, acting through its Board of
6 Trustees, shall have all the powers pertaining to a juridical person, and is therefore authorized,
7 among other things:

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- 9 1. To acquire and hold in any property of whatever nature or description, and to dispose
10 of such property under any mode of encumbrance or conveyance;
- 11 2. To contract and be contracted with;
- 12 3. To mortgage, lease, sell, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of its properties;
- 13 4. To solicit and receive donations, endowments and funds in the form of contributions,
14 whether in cash or in kind, from both the public and private sectors;
- 15 5. To open such accounts in banks and other financial institutions, and to disburse such
16 funds or invest the same as the Board may direct to accomplish or advance the purposes
17 or interest of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas;
- 18 6. To invite foreign heart specialists and similar experts in the various medical fields to
19 train the personnel or trainees or residents of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas;
- 20 7. To send the personnel of the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas to research institutes,
21 medical institutes or universities for advance training or observation and to attend
22 international or regional conventions, conferences, congresses, seminars as the Board
23 may deem necessary to accomplish the purposes and objectives of the Philippine Heart
24 Center – Visayas;
- 25 8. To adopt a set of by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with law and the
26 provisions hereof to govern the administration and operation of the affairs of the
27 Philippine Heart Center – Visayas; and
- 28 9. To do all such other acts and things as are or may be necessary or incidental for the
29 accomplishment of the purposes and objectives of the Philippine Heart Center –
30 Visayas.
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32 Section 6. Assistance from government offices. – The Philippine Heart Center – Visayas
33 may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government,
34 including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the
35 pursuit of its purposes and objectives.

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37 All individuals, entities and institutions are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and
38 corporation to the Philippine Heart Center – Visayas in the accomplishment of its objectives and
39 activities.

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41 Section 7. Hospital Development Plan. – The province shall develop a hospital
42 development plan to reflect the development goals of the hospital including its bed capacity and
43 service capability. Request for the staffing requirements, capital outlay investments and budgetary
44 needs for operations shall be based on the hospital development plan.

1 Section 8. Appropriations. – The Department of Health shall provide funding for the
2 establishment and operation of the Heart Center of the Philippines – Visayas. The Secretary of
3 Health shall include in the Department’s subsidy program, support for the capital outlays of the
4 said hospital.
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6 Section 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared
7 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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9 Section 10. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules
10 and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
11 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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13 Section 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
14 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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16 Approved,