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EXPLANATORY NOTE

End Stage Renal Disease is a life-threatening condition that requires regular dialysis, yet many Filipinos, especially the poor, lack access to affordable and nearby treatment. Limited facilities in public hospitals and the high cost of private dialysis force patients to travel long distances or forgo treatment altogether, leading to unnecessary suffering and loss of life.

This bill mandates the establishment of dialysis clinics in all national, regional, and provincial hospitals to bring life-saving care closer to communities. It also ensures that indigent patients receive free dialysis treatment through coordination among the Department of Health, PhilHealth, and the DSWD, removing cost as a barrier to survival.

By expanding access to dialysis services and prioritizing the needs of the poor, this measure upholds the constitutional right to health and affirms the State's commitment to protect life, promote equity, and ensure that no Filipino is denied essential medical care due to poverty.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIALYSIS CLINICS IN ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING FOR 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. Short Title. — This Act shall be known as the “*Dialysis Clinics in All Hospitals Act*.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. For this purpose, the State shall ensure that patients suffering from End Stage Renal Disease are accorded timely and appropriate treatment with the provision of accessible dialysis clinics and free dialysis treatments.

SECTION 3. Establishment of Dialysis Clinics in All National, Regional, and Provincial Hospitals. — There shall be established dialysis clinics in all national, regional, and provincial hospitals in the country. The dialysis clinics shall be equipped with sufficient machines, equipment, paraphernalia, and supplies, and staffed with the appropriate number of medical and other personnel, including a dietician who shall recommend the appropriate diet to each patient depending on the condition of the patient.

The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with local government units and other relevant government agencies, shall lead the establishment of these clinics.

SECTION 4. Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients. — The DOH, in coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, shall ensure that indigent patients are accorded free dialysis treatments in national, regional, or provincial hospitals.

For this purpose, “indigent patient” refers to a patient 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).

SECTION 5. Authority to Receive Donations and Exemption from the Donor’s Taxes, Customs, and Tariff Duties. — The DOH shall have the authority to receive donations, gifts, and bequests to augment the funding for the establishment of the dialysis clinics created in accordance with this Act. All donations, contributions, or endowments which may be made by persons or entities to the dialysis clinics in national, regional, and provincial hospitals and the importation of medical equipment and machineries, spare parts and other medical equipment used solely and exclusively by the dialysis clinics shall be exempt from income or donor’s taxes, any other direct or indirect taxes, wharfage fees and other charges and restrictions.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the implementation of this Act, the Department of Health (DOH), upon consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. — An initial amount of One Billion Pesos (PHP 1,000,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the necessary fund for the proper implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. — If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. 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,