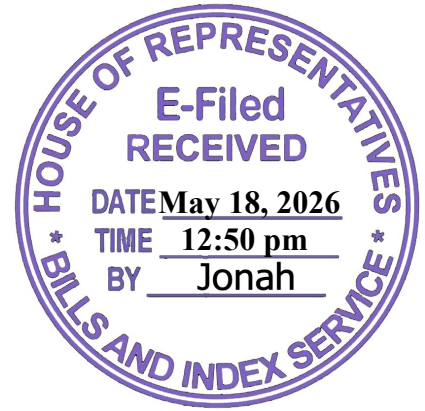


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Diabetes and other endocrine disorders continue to affect millions of Filipinos and place a heavy burden on families and the healthcare system. These illnesses often lead to serious complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and amputations, many of which can be prevented through early diagnosis, proper treatment, and specialized care. While the government has already taken important steps through the National Diabetes Act of 1996, the growing number of cases shows that stronger and more permanent solutions are needed.

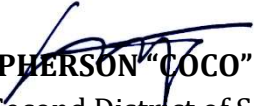
This bill seeks to establish the Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology (PCDE), a dedicated national specialty center that will lead the country's efforts in the prevention, treatment, research, and management of diabetes and endocrine disorders. The PCDE will provide high-quality medical care for patients, especially those with complex and life-threatening conditions, while also serving as a center for advanced training of healthcare workers and research on better treatments and prevention strategies.

The proposed measure will also help improve access to specialized healthcare services beyond Metro Manila by supporting regional networks and partnerships with local hospitals and health systems. In line with the goals of Universal Health Care, the PCDE will strengthen coordination among government agencies, healthcare

providers, and local government units to ensure that Filipinos receive timely, affordable, and quality endocrine care wherever they may be.

The establishment of a dedicated specialty institution for diabetes and endocrine disorders follows the successful model of other government specialty centers that have greatly improved healthcare services in the country. By creating the PCDE, the State affirms its commitment to protecting public health, reducing preventable deaths and complications, and improving the quality of life of millions of Filipinos.

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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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 “*Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology Act.*”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, and to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, with priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, persons with disabilities, women, and children. Consistent with this policy, the State shall strengthen specialized care, prevention, research, education, and training responsive to the country’s burden of diabetes and endocrine disorders.

SECTION 3. Establishment of the Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology. —

- (a) Establishment. There is hereby established a specialty hospital to be known as the **Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology (PCDE)**, which shall be attached to the **Department of Health (DOH)** for policy coordination and shall serve as a national specialty center for diabetes and endocrine disorders.

- (b) Principal Office; Facilities. The PCDE shall have its principal office in **Metro Manila** and may establish satellite clinics, specialty centers, or regional service units in the Visayas, Mindanao, and other strategic areas, subject to DOH planning standards and availability of funds.
- (c) Nature. The PCDE shall have corporate powers necessary to carry out its functions, subject to applicable government auditing, procurement, budgeting, and civil service laws.

SECTION 4. Mandate and Objectives. — The PCDE shall be the lead government specialty institution for diabetes and endocrinology, and shall:

- (a) Establish, operate, and maintain clinical facilities that deliver integrated, evidence-based specialty services for diabetes and endocrine disorders;
- (b) Develop, implement, and support programs for screening, early detection, diagnosis, and management of diabetes, obesity, and metabolic syndrome, in coordination with the DOH and local government units;
- (c) Promote and undertake clinical, public health, and translational research, and publish and disseminate research outputs for public benefit;
- (d) Provide education, residency/fellowship training, continuing professional development, and capability-building programs for health workers involved in diabetes and endocrine care;
- (e) Provide technical assistance to universities, hospitals, and research institutions, and administer scholarships and grants for advanced training, subject to applicable government rules;
- (f) Coordinate with relevant national and local stakeholders to harmonize programs on diabetes and endocrine disorders, consistent with national policy under the **National Diabetes Act of 1996**; and
- (g) Establish telemedicine-enabled referral and co-management networks, particularly for geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, **subject to the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and applicable DOH standards.**

SECTION 5. Corporate Powers. —

To carry out its mandate, the PCDE shall have the power to:

- (a) Acquire, hold, lease, encumber, and dispose of real and personal property, subject to applicable laws and regulations;
- (b) Receive grants, donations, endowments, and contributions, subject to applicable laws, accounting, and auditing rules;
- (c) Enter into contracts and agreements necessary for its operations, subject to applicable procurement and government contracting rules;
- (d) Open and maintain bank accounts and manage its funds in accordance with applicable government accounting and auditing rules;
- (e) Impose and collect reasonable fees and charges for services, subject to DOH policies and existing laws on government fees and hospital billing, with due regard to indigent and financially vulnerable patients; and
- (f) Perform such other acts as may be necessary and incidental to the attainment of its purposes.

SECTION 6. Governing Board; Composition; Term. —

- (a) **Governing Board.** — The PCDE shall be governed by a **Board of Trustees** composed of:
 - 1. The **Secretary of Health**, as **Chairperson**;
 - 2. The **Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)**, or duly authorized representative;
 - 3. The **Secretary of Science and Technology (DOST)**, or duly authorized representative;
 - 4. The **President of the University of the Philippines (UP)**, or duly authorized representative;
 - 5. One (1) representative from the **Philippine Society of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism (PSEDMD)**; and

6. Two (2) members from the private sector or academe with recognized competence in endocrinology/diabetology, hospital administration, public health, health financing, or biomedical research.

(b) **Appointment and Term.** — The ex officio members shall serve by virtue of office. The appointive members shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of **three (3) years**, and may be reappointed once.

(c) **Compensation.** — Board compensation and per diems, if any, shall be in accordance with existing laws and rules.

SECTION 7. Powers and Functions of the Board. — The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Set strategic directions, approve institutional policies, and ensure alignment with DOH plans and national health priorities;
- (b) Approve the PCDE's organizational structure, staffing pattern, and major programs, subject to applicable laws and budgeting rules;
- (c) Approve the annual budget proposal and authorize expenditures consistent with law;
- (d) Approve the schedule of reasonable fees and charges and policies on charity/discount mechanisms for indigent and vulnerable patients;
- (e) Adopt internal rules for governance and operations consistent with law; and
- (f) Exercise such other powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 8. Chief Executive Officer; Key Officers. —

(a) **Executive Director.** — The PCDE shall be headed by an **Executive Director** who shall serve as Chief Executive Officer and shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board.

(b) **Term.** — The Executive Director shall serve for a term of **three (3) years**, renewable once, unless sooner removed for cause.

- (c) **Other Officers.** — The Board may create and fill such offices as may be necessary for efficient operations, subject to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

SECTION 9. Powers and Duties of the Executive Director. —

The Executive Director shall:

- (a) Implement Board policies and manage day-to-day operations;
- (b) Direct and supervise all personnel and units of the PCDE in accordance with law and approved staffing patterns;
- (c) Represent the PCDE in official dealings and execute contracts and instruments consistent with Board authority and applicable laws;
- (d) Prepare and submit to the Board the PCDE's plans, budget proposals, and periodic performance reports; and
- (e) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Board.

SECTION 10. Inter-Agency and Local Government Assistance. — The PCDE may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, government-owned or -controlled corporation, local government unit, and state university or college for technical, training, research, or operational assistance necessary to carry out this Act.

SECTION 11. Emergency Authority. — In cases of declared public health emergencies or urgent circumstances requiring immediate action where a Board meeting cannot be timely convened, the Executive Director may act within delegated limits as may be provided by the Board, subject to ratification at the soonest possible time.

SECTION 12. Donations, Grants, and Partnerships. — The PCDE may solicit and receive donations, grants, and assistance from domestic or foreign sources, public or private, **subject to existing laws on foreign assistance, reporting, auditing, and anti-corruption safeguards.**

SECTION 13. Tax Treatment. — Any tax exemptions and deductibility of donations in favor of the PCDE shall be **subject to the National Internal Revenue Code and applicable rules of the Bureau of Internal Revenue**, and shall not be construed as an automatic blanket exemption unless expressly authorized under existing tax laws.

SECTION 14. Appropriations. —

(a) Initial Funding. — The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DOH and such other available sources as may be identified under existing laws.

(b) Thereafter. — The amounts necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the PCDE shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 15. Annual Report. — The PCDE shall submit to the President of the Philippines and to Congress an annual report on its accomplishments, utilization, outcomes, audited financial statements, and such key performance indicators as may be prescribed, on or before **30 April** of each year.

SECTION 16. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within **sixty (60) days** from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders, including DOST, NEDA, UP, and the Philippine Society of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism (PSEDM), shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary for its effective implementation.

SECTION 17. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. 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,