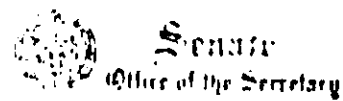


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Constitution, Article 13, Section 12:

SECTION 12. The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems.

Department of Health Administrative Order 2008-0004 which is the "Revised National Policy on Kidney Transplantation from Living Non-Related Organ Donor and Its Implementing Structures" and its amendatory A.O. gave rise to a heated debate on the ethics of kidney transplantation. This debate has as its background the rampant sale of kidneys, especially among the poor.

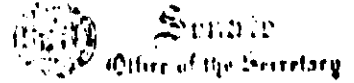
Too few Filipinos understand the importance of organ donation. This legislation seeks to increase awareness of organ donation by encouraging instruction in this subject in high school health classes. By encouraging this topic to be addressed in high school health classes, we can ensure that young Filipinos are properly educated about organ donation and its benefits. This will ensure that improper and unethical organ donations

will be suppressed but, in the long run, this will lead to more organ donations and more saved lives.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session and refiled in the Fifteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Health Education Regarding Organ Donation Awareness.* –
2 Secondary Schools shall provide, as part of Health Education, instruction designed to
3 promote awareness and to dispel the myths and misconceptions related to organ donation.
4 This instruction shall be part of the health education course in the secondary schools
5 curriculum. Any such course shall be taught by teachers specializing in health or science
6 education.

7 SECTION 2. *Coordination.* – The Secretary of Education shall coordinate with
8 the Secretary of Health in drafting the rules and regulation regarding the content of the
9 organ donation awareness curriculum.

10 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
11 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
12 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

13 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
14 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which
15 are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

1 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
2 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulation.

Approved,

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