

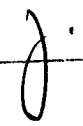
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Explanatory Note

Cancer has been one of the leading causes of death in the Philippines, after communicable and cardiovascular diseases. Many Filipino families, who have been affected by cancer, understand the financial and emotional burden that the disease entails.

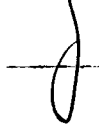
This bill thus seeks to establish regional centers that would promote cancer awareness and prevention. It also aims to establish a Cancer Assistance Fund that will assist indigent families of cancer patients.

Immediate passage of this measure is thus earnestly requested.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Cancer Care Center Act.”
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3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 protect and promote the right of the people.
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6 **SEC. 3. Research, Demonstration Projects, Education and Training.** – With
7 respect to the prevention, control, and elimination of cancer, the Secretary of
8 Health shall, directly or through grants to public or non-profit private entities,
9 carry out the following:
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11 1. Research, with priority given to research concerning:
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- 13 (a) Diagnosis and treatment of cancer;
14 (b) Strains of cancer resistant to drugs;
15 (c) Cases of cancer that affect certain populations; and
16 (d) Clinical trial
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18 2. Public information and education programs;
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20 3. Education, training and clinical skills improvement activities for health
21 professional;
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23 4. Support of model centers to carry out activities under paragraphs (1)
24 through (3);
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26 5. Collaboration with international organizations and foreign countries in
27 carrying out such activities; and
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29 6. Enhancement of basic and clinical research on cancer and its relation to
30 other diseases.
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32 **SEC. 4. Establishment of Regional Centers.** – The Secretary of Health shall
33 establish regional centers for cancer care prevention and treatment.

1 **SEC. 5. Education Programs.** – The Secretary of Health, in coordination with
2 the Commission on Higher Education, shall encourage faculty of schools of
3 medicine, nursing or osteopathic medicine to intensify their program for
4 information and education programs, including the development of curricula, to
5 significantly increase the opportunities for students and for practicing providers
6 to learn the principles and practices of preventing, managing, and treatment
7 cancer.

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9 **SEC. 6. Cancer Assistance Fund.** – To provide indigent cancer patients and
10 families with premium assistance, a Cancer Assistance Fund is hereby
11 established to be administered by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
12 (PhilHealth). Indigents are prioritized to access the said fund, to be identified by
13 Philhealth and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

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15 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected
17 shall remain valid and subsisting.

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19 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
20 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or
21 inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or
22 amended accordingly.

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24 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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27 Approved,