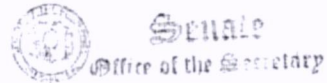


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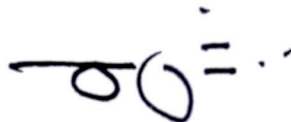
More than 28,000 Filipino patients are undergoing dialysis which continues to grow every year. The increase in the number of patients with renal problem alarms the kidney experts. An estimate of 10% to 15% increase in the number of kidney disease cases per year has been projected by the Department of Health.

It might not have been the no. 1 cause of death in the country, however, it causes the kidney patients their minuscule income to sustain the treatment needed to manage the disease. The 45 sessions of dialysis subsidy given by Philhealth annually is not enough to endure the never ending dialysis session for kidney patients. On average, a kidney patient spends Php12,000.00 per month for his dialysis session once a week. In addition, patients from rural areas spend for travel expenses to avail the complete dialysis machine in hospitals located in highly urbanized cities.

The proposed measure aims to establish dialysis ward or unit in all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals with complete dialysis machine, equipment and supplies. This will make the dialysis center available to kidney patients residing in rural areas.

Furthermore, the bill seeks to provide free dialysis treatment to indigent patients or those whose combined annual family income does not exceed Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00).

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Dialysis Center*
2 *Act of 2017*".

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4 SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - it is the declared policy of the State to improve
5 the delivery of health care services to the people and to ensure hospital
6 facilities are available, affordable and accessible to the people.

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8 SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms
9 shall mean:

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11 a) "Secretary" shall refer to the Secretary of the Department of Health;

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13 b) "National Government Hospital" shall refer to a hospital operated
14 and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or
15 by any department, division, board or other agency thereof;

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1 c) "**Regional Government Hospital**" shall refer to a hospital operated
2 and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or
3 by any department, division, board or other agency thereof;

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5 d) "**Provincial Government Hospital**" shall refer to a hospital operated
6 and maintained either partially or wholly by the provincial government
7 or other political subdivision; or by any department division, board or
8 other agency thereof; and,

9
10 e) "**Indigent Patient**" shall refer to a patient whose combined annual
11 family income does not exceed Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00).

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13 **SEC. 4. Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Ward or**
14 **Unit.** - Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national,
15 regional, and provincial government hospitals are hereby required to
16 establish, operate and maintain a dialysis ward or unit in their hospital. The
17 dialysis ward or unit shall be equipped with complete dialysis machine,
18 equipment and supplies.

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20 **SEC. 5. Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients.** - Dialysis treatment in
21 all national, regional and provincial government hospitals shall be provided
22 free of charge to indigent patients as defined in Section 3 (E) hereof.

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24 **SEC. 6. Penalty.** - Any hospital chief, administrator or officer-in-charge who
25 fails to comply with this Act shall be punished with a fine of Fifty Thousand
26 Pesos (P50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Pi
27 00,000.00).

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29 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Secretary shall
30 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions
31 of this Act.

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33 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** - Such amount as may be necessary to implement the
34 provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the
35 National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous
36 implementation of this Act shall be included in the government hospital's
37 annual appropriations.

1 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise
3 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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5 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
6 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation
7 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
8 modified or amended accordingly.

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10 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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13 *Approved,*