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AN ACT ESTABLISHING PHILIPPINE HEART CENTERS IN CEBU FOR VISAYAS AND IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FOR MINDANAO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" It is the responsibility of the state to improve the delivery of health care to the people. The government must strive to make health-care services available to the public at a reasonable cost.

The Philippine Heart Center is a specialty hospital and research center in the country with the most modern facilities and cutting-edge equipment for heart and related diseases. It has earned a reputation as one of the best Congenital Heart Surgery Centers not only in the Philippines, but also throughout the ASEAN region.

It is currently only located in Quezon City, which means that patients from the Visayas and Mindanao must travel all the way to Metro Manila to use the services of this specialty hospital.

This bill which the undersigned also filed in the 18th Congress seeks to establish branches of the Philippine Heart Center in Cebu for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao. This is why there is a need to establish at least 2 more branches in Cebu for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao. This will ensure that quality and specialized medical services will be available to patients in said regions.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established two (2) branches of the Philippines
2 Heart Center in Cebu City for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao
3 subject to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 673.

4 **SEC. 2.** The amount of One Billion Pesos (Php 1,000,000,000) is hereby
5 appropriated for the establishment of the two new hospitals in Cebu City and Cagayan
6 de Oro City. Said fund shall be used for the acquisition of land, construction of the
7 hospital, purchase of hospital equipment, furniture, fixtures, and for personnel
8 services. Thereafter, the amount necessary to ensure the continued operations and
9 maintenance of the three Heart Centers of the Philippines shall be included in the
10 Annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 3.** The Board of Trustees and the Department of Health shall formulate
12 the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the implementation of this Act.

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

16 **SEC. 5.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or portions
17 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
18 accordingly.

19 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
20 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,