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s. No. <u>188</u>

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1986, the Philippine Heart Center for Asia (PHCA), Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines (NKFP), Lungsod ng Kabataan (LNK) and Tondo General Hospital (TGH) had been put under the administrative supervision of the Ministry of Health by virtue of Memorandum No. 6.

However, the need to improve the organizational capability of these hospitals provided the imperative that their services, activities and properties be directed, controlled and managed by a unified unit. This brought Executive Order No. 34 into existence, reconstituting the governing boards of the said specialized hospitals in the same year. Nonetheless, it did not include the Executive Directors of each hospital as part of the Board of Trustees.

Directly involved in the delivery of health services, Executive Directors certainly have the sufficient knowledge and expertise as heads of the said institutions. Hence, their participation is one significant factor in further improving the capability of specialized hospitals to develop and deliver health services more efficiently.

Aiming to promote the right of the people to health, this bill seeks to strengthen the administrative supervision of specialized government hospitals. This bill specifically intends to institute critical reform in the composition of the Board of Trustees of specialized hospitals under the DOH by including as members the Executive Directors of the PHCA, LCP, NKFP, LNK and TGH in it.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

RECONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPECIALIZED HOSPITALS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BY INCLUDING AS MEMBERS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER FOR ASIA (PHCA), LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (LCP), NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NKFP), LUNGSOD NG KABATAAN (LNK) AND TONDO GENERAL HOSPITAL (TGH)

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote the right of the people to health by strengthening the administrative supervision of specialized government hospitals.

SEC. 2. Board of Trustees of Specialized Hospitals under the Department of Health. - The composition of the unified Board of Trustees of specialized hospitals under the Department of Health is hereby reconstituted to include as members the Executive Directors of the Philippine Heart Center for Asia (PHCA), Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines (NKFP), Lungsod ng Kabataan

(LNK) and Tondo General Hospital.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. -- If any provision of this Act shall at any time be found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

- SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
- 2 from its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,