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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article XIII Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution:

“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

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1 AN ACT  
2 PROMOTING ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS

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

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

10 SECTION 2. *Coordination.* The Secretary of Education shall coordinate with the  
11 Secretary of Health in drafting the rules and regulation regarding the content of the organ  
12 donation awareness curriculum.

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14 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  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

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

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

21 Approved,