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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cancer is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the Philippines. The incidence and mortality rate of cancer in the Philippines has been increasing in the past decades.

Despite of this, our country does not have a cancer specializing hospital yet.

This bill proposes the creation of a National Cancer Center of the Philippines that will specialize in cancer treatment. This shall benefit cancer patients who shall be given world-class cancer treatment. The NCCP shall be the leader in cancer research and will provide a state-of-the-art training of medical personnel.

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. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to adopt an  
2 integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall  
3 endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all  
4 the people.

5           Sec. 2. *Creation of the National Cancer Center of the Philippines.* – The  
6 National Cancer Center of the Philippines (NCCP) is hereby created.

7           Sec. 3. The Department of Health (DOH) shall have supervision over the  
8 (NCCP). The DOH, together with the Department of Public Works and Highways as  
9 the construction arm of the government, shall cause the construction of the NCCP  
10 building.

11           Sec. 4. *Government Contribution.* – The government shall contribute the  
12 necessary land and equipment to the NCCP.

1            *Sec. 5. Board of Trustees.* – The NCCP shall be governed and its activities and  
2 properties be directed, controlled and managed, by a Board of Trustees, which shall  
3 be composed of a Chairman and six (6) members, all of whom to be appointed by  
4 the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the DOH.

5            The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for a period of four (4)  
6 years and until their successors shall have been appointed to fill the vacancy  
7 shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member. Whenever a vacancy  
8 shall occur in the Board, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office  
9 for the unexpired term of the member.

10           The Board shall elect a Chairman from among themselves, who shall be  
11 presiding officer of the Board of Trustees. The Medical Director of the NCCP shall  
12 serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

13           Four (4) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum to  
14 transact business and any decision of such four (4) members on any matter duly  
15 presented to the Board of Trustees shall constitute a valid and binding act of the  
16 NCCP.

17           *Sec. 6. Purposes and Objectives.* –

- 18           a) To construct, establish, equip, maintain, administer and operate a  
19           specialized hospital for diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation  
20           and/or relief of cancer patients;
- 21           b) To promote medical research relative to the prevention and  
22           treatment of cancer including sponsorship and conduct of relevant  
23           congresses, convention, seminars and conferences;
- 24           c) To create awareness on cancer prevention, treatment and control

- 1 through public information dissemination;
- 2 d) To encourage the training physicians, nurses, medical technicians,  
3 health officers and social workers on the practical and scientific  
4 conduct and implementation of services, and related activities;
- 5 e) To assist universities, colleges, hospitals and research institutions in  
6 their studies of cancer and encourage advanced training and  
7 specialization on matters of, or affecting cancer;
- 8 f) To provide psychosocial support services and counseling to the  
9 patient and family members; and
- 10 g) To consolidate the information from other related organizations for  
11 the purpose of aiding government's efforts, policies and programs  
12 relative to the purposes and objectives enumerated herein.

13 Sec. 7. *Powers.* – For the attainment and/or furtherance of the above  
14 enumerated purposes and objectives, the NCCP, acting through its Board of  
15 Trustees, shall have the following orders and functions, among other things:

- 16 (1) To contract and be contracted with;
- 17 (2) To adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations not contrary to law to  
18 govern the administration and operation of the affairs of the NCCP;
- 19 (3) To purchase, receive, take or grant, hold, convey, sell, lease,  
20 pledge, mortgage and otherwise deal with such property of whatever  
21 nature the transaction of the lawful business of the NCCP may  
22 reasonably and necessarily require subject to the limitations prescribed  
23 by law;
- 24 (4) To invite foreign cancer specialists and similar experts in the  
25 various medical fields to train the personnel or trainees or residents of  
26 the NCCP;
- 27 (5) To advance the training of personnel of the Philippine  
28 conventions, conferences, congresses, seminars to accomplish the

1 purpose and objectives of NCCP; and

2 (6) To exercise such other powers and functions as may be necessary  
3 to carry out the purposes of the NCCP.

4 *Sec. 8. Tax Exemption on Donations.* – All donations, contributions or  
5 endowment which may be made by entities or persons to the National Cancer  
6 Center of the Philippines shall be exempt from income and gift taxes.

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8 The National Cancer Center of the Philippines shall be exempt from the  
9 payment of all taxes, charges and fees imposed by the government or any political  
10 subdivision or instrumentality thereof.

11 *Sec 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOH shall formulate the  
12 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within three  
13 (3) months from the effectivity of this Act.

14 *Sec 10. Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to defray the cost of pre-  
15 construction and construction of the NCCP building shall be charged against the  
16 allocation of the DOH under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the  
17 necessary amount to support the continued construction, operation and  
18 maintenance of the NCCP building and the NCCP shall be included in the annual  
19 General Appropriations Act.

20 *Sec 11. Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
21 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected  
22 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

23 *Sec 12. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
24 executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the  
25 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1           Sec 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
2 complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,