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**SENATE**  
**S. B. No. 768**

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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1631,**  
**SERIES OF 1979 OR THE ACT CREATING THE LUNGSOD NG KABATAAN AS**  
**AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 893, SERIES OF 1983**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Established in 1979, the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) is the premier pediatric center of the country providing outstanding medical care to Filipino children for more than 40 years. PCMC is a Level IV training hospital that is administratively attached to the Department of Health, housing the most comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation facility and the most extensive pediatric multi-specialty for inpatients, as well as for clinic service to out-patients and referrals.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Moreover, it is State policy to ensure that communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare. Clearly, health service is among the most essential basic services that is urgently and frequently needed by all.

As the PCMC continuously provides quality health service for over 4 decades to young Filipinos, it is only proper that the hospital be given support through a legislation that would allow the institution to construct satellite branches in various parts of the country and to allow the accommodation individuals over 18 years old for the benefit of even more Filipinos.

Given the abovementioned circumstances, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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1 the powers pertaining to a juridical person, and is therefore  
2 authorized, among other things:

3 (a) To acquire and hold in any manner property of whatever  
4 nature or description, and to dispose of such property under any  
5 mode of encumbrance or conveyance, **INCLUDING THE**  
6 **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SATELLITE**  
7 **BRANCHES;**

8 x x x."

9 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
10 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are  
11 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

12 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,  
13 executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or  
14 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this  
15 Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*