

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS )  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. 6306

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish branches of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Iloilo City for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao.

The National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTi) is a tertiary medical specialty center designated as the lead center for organ transplantation. It was created with a three-fold mission of Service, Training, and Research primarily for the benefit of the Filipino people afflicted with kidney and allied diseases and in pursuance of the policy of the State to secure the well-being of the people by providing them with specialized health and medical services.

Presently, it is the only government hospital specializing in renal diseases and organ transplantation and the center for referral of kidney patients from various regional hospitals nationwide and is recognized as the lead agency in voluntary blood services.

Kidney diseases, especially End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), are already the 7th leading cause of death among Filipinos. One Filipino develops chronic renal failure every hour or about 120 Filipinos per million population per year or about 10,000 Filipinos each year. More than 5,000 Filipino patients are presently undergoing dialysis and approximately 1.1 million people worldwide are on renal replacement therapy. Presently, there are around 70,000 patients on dialysis, with thousand on the waiting list for a kidney transplant, but only 400 are able to undergo transplantation annually.

At present, it is only located in Quezon City which means that patients from the Visayas and from Mindanao have to travel all the way to Metro Manila just to be able to avail of the services of this specialty hospital.

This is why there is a need to establish at least 2 more branches in Iloilo City 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, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTES IN ILOILO CITY FOR VISAYAS AND IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FOR MINDANAO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby established two (2) branches of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Iloilo City for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao subject to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1832.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,