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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

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House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish branches of the Philippine Heart Center in Cebu for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao.

The Philippine Heart Center is a specialty hospital and research center with the most modern facilities and state of the art equipment for heart and related diseases in the country. It has gained the reputation as one of the best Congenital Heart Surgery Center not only in the Philippines but in the ASEAN Region as well.

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 Cebu 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 PHILIPPINE HEART CENTERS IN CEBU 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 Philippines Heart Center in Cebu City for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao subject to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 673.

**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 Cebu 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 Heart Centers 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,