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House Bill No. 5311

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Introduced by **Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Lung Center of the Philippines was established through Presidential Decree No. 1823 on January 16, 1981 to provide the Filipino people state-of-the-art specialized care for lung and other chest diseases.

The Center was inaugurated on January 23, 1982 as a tertiary level hospital with the view of anticipated health problems of respiratory in nature on a national coverage as a coordinated effort of the Ministry of Health, other government agencies and the private sector committed to health.

For several decades respiratory diseases have been the priority concern, having been one of the leading causes of illness and death in the country. According to Philippines Statistics Authority's data around 66 Filipinos die every minute or around 1,591 per day. Leading causes of death are Ischemic Heart disease and Cancer among the top two followed by Pneumonia in the third spot.

Out of 582, 183 registered deaths in 2016, 74,134 cases or 12.7% of the total was due to Ischemic Heart Disease, Cancer logged 60,470 cases or 10.4 percent while Pneumonia logged 57,809 cases or 9.9 percent both for male and female.

Pneumonia is the infection of both lungs, it claims the lives of approximately 57,000 Filipinos every year.

This bill seeks to establish a Lung Center of the Philippines in Bohol for the Visayas and in Davao City for Mindanao, to bring quality and specialized medical services and research closer to lung related disease patients in the said regions.

In general, patients from these geographical areas will benefit from the establishment of these hospital facilities since they will not be burdened with additional expenses when they seek treatment at the Lung Center of the Philippines in Quezon City. The Lung Center's services will be available to all Filipinos countrywide since it will be established in strategic locations across the country.

Hence, approval of the bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**

**ESTABLISHING A LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES IN BOHOL FOR THE VISAYAS AND IN DAVAO FOR MINDANAO, AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1823 , ENTITLED: AN ACT CREATING THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Creation of the Lung Center of the Philippines. There is hereby created a trust under the name and style of Lung Center of the Philippines, which **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAIN THREE (3) HOSPITAL FACILITIES, ONE (1) FOR LUZON WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, ONE (1) FOR THE VISAYAS TO BE LOCATED IN BOHOL, AND ONE (1) IN MINDANAO TO BE LOCATED IN DAVAO CITY** which, subject to the provisions of this Decree, By Laws and Objectives of the Lung Center of the Philippines, Inc., duly registered (reg. No. 85886) with Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of the Philippines, by the Office of the President, in coordination with the [Ministry of Human Settlements] **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Sec. 2.** Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1832, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 11. Government Subsidy and Contribution.** The **THE SUM AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION (P1,000,000,000.00) PESOS SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EACH HOSPITAL FACILITIES OF THE LUNG CENTERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING THE LAND ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENTS, FURNITURES, FIXTURES, AND PERSONNEL SERVICES.** Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the continued operation and maintenance of the FACILITIES shall be included in the **ANNUAL** General Appropriations Act **FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND RELEASED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.**

**Sec. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Board of Trustees 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,