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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. 6307

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Lung Center of the Philippines was established through Presidential Decree No. 1823 on January 16, 1981 and was inaugurated on January 23, 1982 as a tertiary level hospital aimed at providing state-of-art specialized care for lung and other chest diseases.

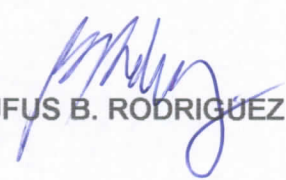
Respiratory diseases had been one of the leading causes of illness and death in the country. Data from the Philippines Statistics Authority show that around 66 Filipinos die every minute or around 1,591 per day and the leading causes of death are ischemic heart disease, cancer and pneumonia.

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

At present, there is only one Lung Center in the Philippines and it is located in Quezon City. There is a need to establish at least 2 more Lung Centers in Visayas and in Mindanao respectively to cater to the patients in said regions.

This bill seeks to establish a Lung Center of the Philippines in Bohol for the Visayas and in Cagayan de Oro City for Mindanao to bring quality and specialized medical services and research closer to lung related disease patients in the said regions. With this two new Lung Centers, specialized services will be available to all Filipinos countrywide since it will be established in strategic locations across the country.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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ESTABLISHING A LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES IN BOHOL FOR THE VISAYAS AND IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FOR MINDANAO, AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1823, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR", 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. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1823 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THREE (3) HOSPITAL FACILITIES, ONE (1) FOR LUZON WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN QUEZON CITY, ONE (1) FOR THE VISAYAS TO BE LOCATED IN BOHOL, AND ONE (1) IN MINDANAO TO BE LOCATED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, which subject to the provisions of this Decree, shall be administered, according to the Articles of Incorporation, By Laws and Objectives of the Lung Center of the Philippines, Inc., duly registered (reg. No. 85886) with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of the Philippines, by the [Office of the President, in coordination with the Ministry of Human Settlements and the Ministry of Health] **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.**

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 Bohol 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 Lung 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,