

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 5261



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

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend the Charter of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTi) which is a tertiary medical specialty center formerly known as the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines (NKFP) created on January 16, 1981 by virtue of Presidential Decree 1832 signed by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos. By virtue of Republic Act No. 8020, the NKTi was renamed from National Kidney Institute (NKI) and 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.

This bill seeks to establish an NKTl in Bohol and in Davao City for the inhabitants of the Islands of the Visayas and Mindanao, respectively to bring the quality and specialized medical services closer to kidney patients in the Visayas and Mindanao thereby improving the delivery of health services. In general, patients from these geographical areas will really benefit from the establishment of these hospital facilities as they will not be burdened with additional expenses when they presently seek treatment at the principal office of NKTl in Quezon City. In this manner, NKTl's services will be available to all the Filipinos in the countrywide since it will be located strategically and for the purpose of decongesting people who may have come from the different areas of the country.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE IN BOHOL**  
**FOR THE VISAYAS AND DAVAO CITY FOR MINDANAO, AMENDING SECTIONS 1**  
**AND 11 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1832, ENTITLED: AN ACT CREATING**  
**THE NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, AS AMENDED BY**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8020, 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. 1832, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 1. Creation of the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines.** There is hereby created a body corporate and politic to be known as the National Kidney Foundation of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, which shall implement the intent and spirit of this Decree. The Foundation shall have its principal office in Metro Manila, and may have such branch offices, hospitals, clinics or subsidiaries in other areas in the Philippines as it may deem proper and necessary. The FOUNDATION shall be under the Office of the President of the Philippines.

**THE NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN HOSPITAL FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED IN BOHOL FOR THE VISAYAS AND DAVAO CITY IN MINDANAO. ALL OF THESE FACILITIES SHALL HAVE A HOSPITAL DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION.**

**Sec. 2.** Section 11 of Presidential Decree No. 1832, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 11. Government Contribution.** The amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Casino Trust Fund which I hereby ordered released to defray the initial operational expenses of the FOUNDATION. **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 NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, 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 FOUNDATION 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,