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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

HOUSE BILL NO. **4988**

Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D. AGABAS**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a specialty hospital for teachers and their dependents for their upkeep and health benefits.

The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them (Section 15, Article II, 1987 Constitution). To this end, the State shall enact measures that shall protect and ensure primary health care to its people particularly those exposed to health hazards like our teachers. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost (Section 11, Article XIII, 1987 Constitution).

It is also well recognized that among those exerting unaccounted efforts and sacrifices in making significant contributions to our community are our teachers. Notwithstanding the tedious work and the health hazards attendant to the working environment of our teachers, their commitment to the teaching profession has remained steadfast and resolute. In the course of the performance of their duties however, work related illnesses such as pharyngitis, anemia, hypertension, hyperacidity, lung disease and other health hazards set in. With the meager income that they receive, which cannot adequately compensate the day to day

sacrifices of our teachers, not to mention the lack of immediate health care that will cater to their needs, there is a need to zero-in and focus on the health welfare of our teachers and their dependents. Indubitably, our country's development is anchored on educated citizenry without which we cannot move on and survive as a country.

This bill will thus establish a special hospital to our teachers and their dependents. With this bill, our teachers' aspirations and health security will be secured and enhanced.

Hence, this earnest request for the immediate passage of this bill.



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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine
2 Teachers’ Hospital Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State
4 to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health
5 development, which shall endeavor to make essential health
6 and other social services available to all people at affordable
7 cost. Towards this end, the State shall protect the interest and
8 promote the well-being of Filipino teachers, including their
9 families and dependents through the provision of social welfare
10 services.

11 SECTION 3. *Creation of Special Hospital and Special Wards.* –
12 To carry-out the above policy, a special hospital for teachers,
13 to be named the PHILIPPINE TEACHERS’ HOSPITAL, is hereby

14 established in the National Capital Region. Such hospital shall
15 be the primary medical facility for the hospitalization and
16 medical care of teachers and their dependents.

17 Each regional hospital shall establish a teachers' ward,
18 with an initial capacity of at least one hundred (100) beds,
19 which will provide hospitalization and medical care to teachers
20 and their dependents residing outside the National Capital
21 Region.

22 For purpose of this Act, "teachers" shall include, but not
23 limited to the following.

- 24 a) All persons engaged in the classroom teaching of any
25 subject, including practical/vocational arts, at the day
26 care, pre-school, elementary, secondary, and post-
27 secondary levels of instruction in all public and private
28 educational institutions;
- 29 b) Individuals performing guidance and counselling in all
30 public and private institutions;
- 31 c) All persons who provide instructional supervision in all
32 public and private educational institutions;
- 33 d) All persons employed as school administrative support
34 employees;
- 35 e) School physicians, school dentist, and school nurses;

f) Officials and employees of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on higher Education (CHED); and

g) Graduates of education who have passed the government examination for teachers, although not actually employed as such.

“Dependents” shall refer to the following: (a) the legitimate spouse dependent for support upon the teacher; (b) the legitimate, illegitimate, or legally adopted children, chiefly dependent upon and living with the teacher if such child is not more than twenty one (21) years of age, unmarried and not gainfully employed or is over the age of majority but incapacitated and incapable of self-support due to mental or physical defect; and (c) the parents dependent upon the member for support.

SECTION 4. *Objectives.* – To ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of quality health care, the PHILIPPINE TEACHERS’ HOSPITAL shall:

a) Provide for a comprehensive health care services to all and their legal dependents;

b) Complement the existing package of services under the National Health Insurance Program so as to include preventive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative programs;

c) Conduct medical examination to ensure the physical and mental capability of all teacher applicants; and

d) Set-up a system that will effectively monitor the condition of patients and to generate relevant information/data in aid of policy formulation.

SECTION 5. *Administration.* – Upon effectivity of this Act, the PHILIPPINE TEACHERS' HOSPITALS shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of:

a) The Secretary of the Department of Education as *ex-officio* Chairman

b) The Secretary of the Department of Health as *ex-officio* Vice Chairman

c) The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education as *ex-officio* member

d) The Director General of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority as *ex-officio* member

e) The Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development as *ex-officio* member

f) Three representative from the teachers sector: one (1) from Luzon, one (1) from Visayas, one (1) from Mindanao as Members.

The three (3) representatives from the teachers sectors shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from list of

83 nominees prepared by the *ex-officio* Chairman to serve for a
84 term of three (3) years without reappointment.

85 SECTION 6. *Responsibility and Powers.* – The Board of
86 Directors of the PHILIPPINE TEACHERS' HOSPITAL shall have
87 the following responsibilities and powers:

88 a) To formulate and implement measures and programs to
89 attain the objectives and purposes of the PHILIPPINE
90 TEACHERS' HOSPITAL as enunciated in Section 4 of this
91 Act;

92 b) To organize the structure of the PHILIPPINE TEACHERS'
93 HOSPITAL in accordance with a staffing pattern prepared
94 by it and approved by the Department of Budget and
95 Management; to appoint the officials and employees of
96 the Hospital, subject to civil service laws, rules and
97 regulations; to prescribe their duties and fix their
98 compensation subject to the provisions of Republic Act
99 No. 6758;

100 c) To enter into agreements and contracts in connection
101 with its establishment, maintenance, operations and
102 objectives;

103 d) To issue rules and regulations to carry out the objectives
104 and purposes of this Act; and

105 e) To perform such other duties and functions as may be
106 provided by law.

107 SECTION 7. *Appropriation.* – An amount of Five Hundred
108 Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the
109 establishment and initial operations of the PHILIPPINE
110 TEACHERS' HOSPITAL which shall be sourced out from the
111 savings of the Executive Branch of the government and other
112 possible sources that may be determined by the Office of the
113 President. Subsequent funds needed shall be included in the
114 annual General Appropriations Act.

115 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act
116 is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or parts
117 hereof not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

118 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive
119 orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with
120 the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
121 accordingly.

122 SECTION 10. *Effectively.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
123 days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of
124 general circulation.

125 Approved,