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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DIABETES  
AND ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In 2000, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) predicted that by 2025, there would be 320 million diabetics globally. However, in its 2015 Diabetes Atlas, the IDF reported that there were already 415 million diabetics aged 20-79. Clearly, diabetes is exceeding projected rates and growing around the world.<sup>1</sup> The IDF further estimated that by 2040, the global figure will rise to 642 million – or one in 10 adults, if there is no appropriate response to resolve the growing diabetes epidemic around the world.

In the Philippines, at least 6 million Filipinos have been diagnosed to have diabetes but the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation, warned that this figure could reach 12 million or even more by 2040 because of undiagnosed diabetes cases.<sup>2</sup> The Philippines' 2013 National Health and Nutrition Survey revealed that diabetes is a major risk factor among Filipino adults  $\geq 20$  years of age with a prevalence rate of 5.4% (Paz-Pacheco and Jimeno, 2015).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 2016, March 29. The Philippines is now a diabetes hotspot. Retrieved from: <http://lifestyle.inquirer.net/225706/the-philippines-is-now-a-diabetes-hotspot/> (date last accessed: July 9, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> 2016, August 13. 6 million Pinoy have diabetes. Retrieved from: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/805812/6m-pinoy-have-diabetes#ixzz4ccdTjsbs> (date last accessed: July 9, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Paz-Pacheco and Cecilia Jimeno. **Diabetes Care in the Philippines**. Journal of the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies Volume 30, No. 2 (2015). Retrieved from: <http://asean-endocrinejournal.org/index.php/JAFES/article/view/267/667>

Worse, more and more young Filipinos are diagnosed with diabetes. There were reports that even five-year old children were already diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.<sup>4</sup> The DOH stated that diabetes is one of the leading causes of mortality in the Philippines.

Many experts have attributed the increase of diabetic incidence in the Philippines to the lifestyle and culture of Filipinos and, to a great extent, to stress in the workplace. For example, BPO employees who work at night or have graveyard shift have higher risk of getting the disease according to the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation. The DOH also mentioned that even traffic jams raise diabetes risk.<sup>5</sup>

Unfortunately, the IDF's diabetes scorecard for the Philippines showed that the low level of diabetes-related health expenditures has prevented a very small proportion (0.9%) of diabetes related deaths. Thus, there is a need to increase the funding for diabetes prevention and treatment.

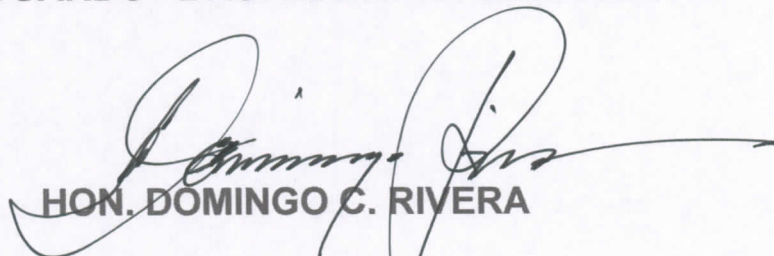
In view of the foregoing, this bill seeks to establish the Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology (PCDE) to ensure that the full range of services for diabetes care, prevention and cure are given to the millions of Filipinos afflicted with diabetes through a more focused allocation of funding. The Center will also further enhance the noble undertaking of research in diabetes and the training of medical and technical personnel in the field of Endocrinology.

Diabetes care, prevention and cure should be a priority concern of the government because diabetes and other endocrine diseases exact a huge toll on our human resources. After all, the 1987 Constitution provides the duty of the state to secure the wellbeing of the people by providing them specialized health services. A specialized institution, similar to the Philippine Heart Center, the Lung Center of the Philippines and the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, which will focus on diabetes, metabolism and endocrinology can significantly address the worsening incidence of diabetes here in the Philippines and lessen the impact of diabetes and its complications on families, workers, healthcare system, and the economy.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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<sup>4</sup> 2018, October 18. Managing Diabetes. Retrieved from: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2018/10/18/managing-diabetes/> (date last accessed: July 9, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> 2016, March 27. Traffic jams raise diabetes risks. Retrieved from: <http://www.philstar.com/news-feature/2016/03/28/1566912/traffic-jams-raise-diabetes-risk> (date last accessed: July 9, 2019).



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

1 **SECTION 1. State Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the  
2 right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them by providing  
3 specialized health services and research, education and training facility responsive to  
4 the country's health needs and problems.

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6 Hence, it is the primary concern of the government to assist and provide material and  
7 financial assistance in the establishment of a specialty hospital for Filipinos suffering  
8 from diabetes and promote diabetes care, prevention and cure all over the country.

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10 **SECTION 2. Creation of the Philippine Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology.**  
11 – **There** is hereby created a body corporate to be known as the Philippine Center for  
12 Diabetes and Endocrinology (PCDE), under the Department of Health (DOH), which  
13 shall serve as the lead tertiary-level care center in the screening, prevention, diagnosis  
14 and treatment of diabetes.

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16 The PCDE shall have its principal office in Metro Manila, and may have such branch  
17 offices, hospitals, clinics or subsidiaries in Visayas and Mindanao and other areas in  
18 the Philippines, as it may deem proper and necessary.

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20 **SECTION 3. Purpose and Objectives.** – The PCDE shall have the following  
21 purposes and objectives:

- a) To construct, establish, equip, maintain, administer and operate such integrated medical institution or institutions which shall provide an organized system of care, comprehensive and optimal treatment for patients with diabetes and other endocrine problems;
- b) To conduct nationwide screening and diagnosis of diabetes, obesity and the components of the metabolic syndrome;
- c) To promote, encourage and engage in medical and scientific research on the prevention and treatment of diabetes and other endocrine diseases and gather, compile, and publish the findings of such researches for public dissemination;
- d) To encourage, undertake and assist conferences, fora, conventions, seminars, workshops and training programs for physicians, nurses, health officers, medical technologists, social workers and medical and technical personnel on the practical and scientific implementation of health care services to diabetic patients;
- e) To assist universities, hospitals and research institutions in their studies on diabetes and other endocrine diseases and other related fields, to encourage and grant scholarships for advanced training and specialization in medical care and management in diabetes and related fields and to support and finance educational programs of value to public health;
- f) To encourage the formation of other organizations at the national provincial, city and/or local levels, and to coordinate the various efforts and activities of such organizations for the purpose of achieving a more effective approach to the common problem relative to the purposes and objectives enumerated herein; and
- g) To encourage telemedicine by establishing networks through internet facilities to link physicians at the local level or barrio doctors to specialists who can provide inputs to care of diabetic patients, especially in underserved areas, with due regard to the requirements of the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

**SECTION 4. Powers and Functions.** – For the attainment and/or furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this Act, the PCDE as a body corporate acting through its Board of Trustees, shall have the following powers and functions in addition to those provided for in the other sections of this Act:

- a) To acquire, own, hold, use, lease, grant, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, convey, transfer, exchange, dispose or otherwise deal with, real and/or personal properties of every kind and nature, including shares of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, securities and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations of other corporations, whether domestic or foreign, and whether government or private;
- b) To solicit and receive donations, endowments and funds in the form of contributions, whether in cash or in kind, from both the public and private sectors;



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2 c) To award, enter into, make, execute, perform and carry out domestic or foreign  
3 contracts of whatever kind and nature;  
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5 d) To open accounts in banks and other financial institutions, and to disburse such  
6 funds or invest the same as the Board may direct to accomplish or advance the  
7 purposes or interest of the PCDE, and to obtain loans, borrow funds and/or  
8 arrange financing or credit assistance of whatever kind and nature from all  
9 sources, whether domestic or foreign and whether government or private.  
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11 e) To levy, assess and collect such fees, charges and assessments as may be  
12 necessary or proper to support, finance and maintain its operations;  
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14 f) To invite diabetes specialists and similar experts in the various medical fields to  
15 train the personnel or trainees or residents of the PCDE and to also support the  
16 trainings, seminars, conferences and conventions of its medical personnel in  
17 research and medical institutes or universities, be it local or international as the  
18 Board may deem necessary and in line with the principles of the Philippine  
19 Qualifications Framework (PQF), to accomplish the purposes and objectives of  
20 the PCDE;  
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22 g) To adopt and use a corporate seal;  
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24 h) To sue and be sued in its corporate name;  
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26 i) To adopt its by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with law of the  
27 provisions hereof to govern the administration and operation of the affairs of the  
28 PCDE; and  
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30 j) To exercise such other powers and functions as may be necessary, related or  
31 incidental or to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act.  
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33 **SECTION 5. The Board of Trustees; Composition; Term and Compensation. –**

34 The PCDE shall be governed, and its activities and properties shall be directed,  
35 controlled and managed, by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board,  
36 which shall be composed of a Chairperson and six (6) members, all of whom shall be  
37 appointed by the President of the Philippines.  
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39 At least one (1) member shall come from the Philippine Society of Endocrinology,  
40 Diabetes and Metabolism (PSEM) and at least one (1) from the academe.  
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42 The Chairman of the PCDE shall be appointed from among the members of the Board.  
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44 All the members of the Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years, with a right to  
45 hold-over such position until their respective successors shall have been duly  
46 appointed and qualified. The President of the Philippines may, however, remove any  
47 member of the Board for cause. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board, the  
48 person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the  
49 member replaced.

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2 All members of the Board shall receive compensation in accordance with current  
3 standards set by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and as may be  
4 determined by the DOH.

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6 **SECTION 6. Power and Functions of the Board.** – The Board shall have the  
7 following powers and functions:  
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- 9 a) To formulate policies, guidelines and programs to effectively implement and carry  
10 out the purposes and objectives of this Act;  
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12 b) To prescribe, review and revise the amount of the fees, charges, and  
13 assessments levied and collected for the support and maintenance of the  
14 operations of the PCDE;  
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16 c) To control the management, operation and administration of PCDE;  
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18 d) To promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for the  
19 effective exercise of power and functions as well as the discharge of the duties  
20 and responsibilities of the PCDE and its officers and employees;  
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22 e) To authorize such expenditures of the PCDE as may be necessary or proper for  
23 the effective management, operation and administration of the PCDE;  
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25 f) To adopt the annual and supplemental budget of receipts and expenditures of  
26 the PCDE; and  
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28 g) To appoint, remove, suspend or otherwise discipline the officers of the PCDE  
29 occupying executive and senior management positions.  
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31 **SECTION 7. Officers of the PCDE.** – The Board shall determine the officers of the  
32 PCDE who shall be appointed by the President of the PCDE subject to confirmation  
33 by the Board. The PCDE may have an Executive Vice-President and such Vice-  
34 Presidents and Assistant Vice-Presidents as may be required for the effective  
35 operation of the PCDE.  
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37 **SECTION 8. The President, His Term and Remuneration.** – The President of the  
38 PCDE shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of three (3)  
39 years. The salary of the President of the PCDE shall be fixed by the Board, subject to  
40 the approval of the President of the Philippines.  
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42 **SECTION 9. Powers and Duties of the President.** – The President of the PCDE shall  
43 be the Chief Executive Officer of the PCDE. He shall exercise the following powers  
44 and duties:  
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- 46 a) To execute the policies, guidelines and programs approved by the Board, and to  
47 be responsible for the efficient discharge of management and operational  
48 functions;  
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- 1 b) To submit for the consideration and approval of the Board proposed measures,  
2 policies, guidelines and programs as he may deem necessary or proper for the  
3 effective implementation of the purposes and objectives of this Act;  
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5 c) To direct and supervise the management, operation and administration of the  
6 PCDE. For this purpose, he/she may delegate any or some of his/her  
7 administrative responsibilities and duties to the other officers of the PCDE;  
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9 d) To execute, on behalf of the PCDE, all contracts and agreements which the  
10 PCDE may enter into, and to execute, accomplish and deliver any and all  
11 documents relative to such contracts and agreements;  
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13 e) To represent the PCDE in all dealings with other offices, agencies and  
14 instrumentalities of the Government, and all other persons or entities, whether  
15 domestic or foreign, government or private;  
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17 f) To appoint, promote, transfer, remove, suspend or otherwise discipline the  
18 officers and employees of the PCDE, except those appointed by the Board;  
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20 g) To exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be vested or  
21 reposed upon him by the Board.  
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23 **SECTION 10. Assistance from the Government.** – The PCDE may call upon any  
24 department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including  
25 government-owned or controlled corporations, local government units, and state  
26 universities and colleges for such assistance as it may need in the pursuit of the  
27 purposes and objectives of this Act.  
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29 **SECTION 11. Authority of the President in Emergencies.** – In case of emergencies  
30 which require immediate action by the Board, and there is no sufficient time to call a  
31 meeting thereof, the President of the PCDE, with the concurrence of three (3) other  
32 members of the Board, may decide on any matter or take any action within the  
33 authority of the Board itself.  
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35 **SECTION 12. Donations to the PCDE.** – The PCDE is hereby authorized to solicit  
36 and receive donations, grants, contributions, gifts or endowments from all sources  
37 whether foreign or domestic, and whether government or private, without the need of  
38 securing a permit, approval or registration from any government agency.  
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40 **SECTION 13. Exemption from Fees, Duties and Taxes.** – The PCDE is hereby  
41 declared exempt from all income and all other internal revenue taxes, tariff and  
42 customs duties and all other kinds of taxes, fees, charges and assessments levied by  
43 the Government and its political subdivisions agencies and instrumentalities.  
44 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all donations, grants,  
45 contributions, gifts or endowments which may be made by entities or persons to the  
46 PCDE shall be exempt from income and gift taxes, and the same shall be further  
47 deductible in full for purposes of computing the maximum amount deductible under  
48 the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.  
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1 **SECTION 14. Funding.** – The amount of Ten Billion Pesos (P10,000,000,000.00) is  
2 hereby appropriated from the revenues Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
3 Corporation (PAGCOR) to defray the initial operational expenses of the PCDE.  
4 Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the continued operation and  
5 maintenance of the PCDE shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.  
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7 **SECTION 15. Annual Report.** – The PCDE, through its President, shall submit an  
8 annual report on its accomplishments and activities to the President and both houses  
9 of Congress on or before April 30 of each year.  
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11 **SECTION 16. Applicability of the Corporation Law.** – The provisions of the general  
12 corporation law, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and  
13 with the purposes and objectives for which the PCDE is formed, shall apply  
14 suppletorily in the corporate governance affairs of the PCDE.  
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16 **SECTION 17. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from  
17 the date of the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in close coordination with the  
18 Department of Science and Technology, National Economic Development Authority,  
19 University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital, and other stakeholders such  
20 as the Philippine Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism (PSEM), shall promulgate  
21 the rules and regulations for the effective and faithful implementation of this Act.  
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23 **SECTION 18. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
24 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are  
25 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.  
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27 **SECTION 19. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
28 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
29 circulation.  
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32 **Approved,**