

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUBSIDIZE CHARITY BEDS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS LOCATED IN TOWNS, PLACES, OR LOCALITIES FAR FROM ANY PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 298, June 17, 1948

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

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Health, upon recommendation of the Director, Bureau of Hospitals, is hereby authorized to subsidize charity beds for the use of indigent sick persons, to private hospitals duly recognized by the government, which are located in towns, localities or places far or are inaccessible from the provincial hospitals.

The subsidy of charity beds herein authorized to private hospitals will be granted only to private hospitals which, on account of distance from the provincial hospitals, the indigent people thereat cannot enjoy the benefits of the use of beds and other hospital facilities given by the provincial hospitals.

The amount of subsidy will be based on the number of beds that are allocated for the use of indigent sick persons that may be accommodated for hospitalization from time to time in such private hospitals and on the per capita cost that may be agreed upon between the directors of private hospitals concerned and the Director of the Bureau of Hospitals.

SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of one million pesos from the National Charity Sweepstakes Fund.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 17, 1948.

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