

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **186**

Introduced by Hon. Gilbert C. Remulla

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The psychiatric ward of the Andres Bonifacio Memorial Hospital was established in January 1937 as an extension of the National Center for Mental Health. By January 3, 1979, because of the increasing number of patients being admitted, supervision was designated to the Regional Health Office No. IV. Its organizational set-up was revised further to include detail employees of the National Mental Hospital. On June 16, 1980 under P.D. 1541, the creation of Regional Mental Health Centers went underway and made this psychiatric unit cater to patients coming from eleven provinces and eight cities. From 1985 to 1992, the Andres Bonifacio Memorial Hospital has been under the supervision of the Department of Health through the Provincial Health Office. With the adoption of the Local Government Code, the entire Provincial Health Office together with the Andres Bonifacio Memorial Hospital Department of Psychiatry was devolved to the Provincial Government of Cavite.

The Cavite Center for Mental Health is an independent entity from the Andres Bonifacio Memorial Hospital. The Cavite Center Mental Health was established by virtue of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution Number 225-S-2000 and Provincial Ordinance Number 2001-001.

Presently, the Cavite Center for Mental Health is the only Regional Mental Health Center being funded by a provincial government. The Provincial Government of Cavite has to bear the responsibility of financing the Cavite Center for Mental Health catering not only to the patients from the province but also to the people coming from the other provinces belonging to Region IV.

This bill seeks to re-nationalize the Cavite Center for Mental Health. It is but proper to transfer financing and supervision of this

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institution to the Department of Health for it is the only Regional Mental Center in the entire country being funded by provincial funds.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
RE-NATIONALIZING THE CAVITE CENTER FOR MENTAL
HEALTH, TRANSFERRING FUNDING AND SUPERVISION OF
THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE

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

1 Section 1. This Act shall re-nationalize the Cavite Center for
2 Mental Health.

3 Sec. 2. The Department of Health shall fund and supervise the
4 Cavite Center for Mental Health.

5 Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
6 shall be charged to the annual budget of the Department of Health.

7 Sec. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations that are
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
 modified accordingly.

9 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.