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HOUSE BILL NO. 535



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect the right to health of the people and inculcate health consciousness among them. Towards this end, various programs and measures in connection with health care and health services have been launched and implemented by the government. Yet, in line with the national government's efforts to improve the country's primary health care and hospital services, it is lamentable that the Municipality of Dumalag in the Second Congressional District of Capiz lacks and needs health care and health services to respond to the ever-increasing number of patients in Dumalag and/or, its nearby municipalities.

The nearest hospital to the municipality is located in Dumarao which is more than 18 kilometers away. Poor road conditions and scarcity of public transportation hamper emergency cases from reaching the hospital in time to save lives. But, even if they do, the patients are already in a very serious state or late conditions. The health care problems of the people should be of urgent concern by the government. As it is, Dumalag has no District Hospital and the sick people have no alternative but to travel the whole distance of 18 kilometers under poor road conditions and, in cases of emergency, will surely endanger the lives of patients. Hence, the establishment of a Sub-District Hospital in the said municipality will accommodate and answer the health concerns of, and ensure better health services to, the people in the area.

Thus, approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A TWENTY-FIVE BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DUMALAG SUB-DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Health a twenty-five bed (25) capacity hospital in the Municipality of Dumalag, Province of Capiz to be known as the Dumalag Sub-District Hospital;

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the annual General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the hospital shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,