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HOUSE BILL NO. 1317



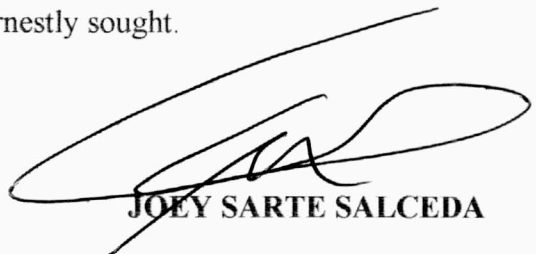
Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The provision of accessible healthcare services to poor rural areas has been one of the major concerns of the government. In the Province of Albay, the municipalities of Polangui, Oas and Libon have health centers and private clinics but there is no government hospital to service cases such as major and minor surgical operations including orthopedic cases; preventive medicine, family planning, immunization and dental services; and other healthcare service. With a combined population of 174,527, the absence of a government hospital in the area leaves the three outlying towns heavily dependent on transport to bring seriously ill patients and accident victims to the Bicol Medical Centers in Naga City and Bicol Regional Teaching and Training Hospital in Legazpi City which is approximately 60 kilometers and 50 kilometers respectively from said towns. With this predicament, the patients have to spend more time, effort and money to avail of medical - surgical services which could only be found in the higher medical facilities in the said cities.

The establishment of a General Hospital for the three municipalities is vital to avoid delay in treating victims and patients in cases of emergencies and calamities. It is a fact that Albay experiences at least 30 tropical storms annually. Aside from typhoons, there is always the impending threat of eruption of the Mayon Volcano. This is not to mention the increasing frequency of flash floods especially in Libon. With these cited reasons therefore, the establishment of a General Hospital in the area is imperative.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN POLANGUI, ALBAY,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE QUINALE GENERAL HOSPITAL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a General Hospital in the Municipality of Polangui in the province of Albay, to be known as the “Quinale General Hospital” under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The initial amount necessary for the effective implementation of this ACT is hereby appropriated. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the operation and maintenance of the “Quinale General Hospital” shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,