

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Thirteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2226



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Introduced by **Hon. Gerardo J. Espina, Jr.**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to revert Biliran Provincial Hospital back to the national government.

The hospital used to be under the national government particularly under the Department of Health. But when the Local Government Code took effect in 1991, its functions was devolved to the provincial government together with the Department of Agriculture. However, Biliran was classified by the Presidential Council for Countryside Development as one of the 19 depressed provinces. From its devolution to the provincial government up to the present, the said hospital was not able to satisfactorily deliver the basic needs of the Biliranons in terms of health services considering the depressed economic condition the province is experiencing .

Biliran Provincial Hospital started its operation in 1962 as a 25 bed capacity hospital. After 42 years of existence its capacity increased from 80 to 100 patient capacity reflecting the increase of population. In the 2000 census, Biliran already has a population of 140,274.

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


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REVERTING BACK TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), BILIRAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE,'

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

SECTION 1. This act shall revert Biliran Provincial Hospital to the national government, particularly to the Department of Health (DOH) amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the 'Local Government Code.'

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,