

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2693



Introduce by Honorable Raul T. Gonzalez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a fifty bed extension hospital of the West Visayas Medical Center, Iloilo City to be known as the West Visayas Medical Center City Extension Hospital.

The West Visayas Medical Center which used to be Iloilo Provincial Hospital attends, mostly to patients from the various municipalities in the province of Iloilo. Patients from the City of Iloilo are, also being admitted depending on the availability of beds and spaces which, oftentimes use even the hospital corridors.

The West Visayas Medical Center is a tertiary hospital with 400 beds capacity. Day after day patients from the various municipalities of the province are brought for treatment as well as many, mostly indigent patients, from the City of Iloilo.

The City of Iloilo does not have a hospital.

The Population of the City of Iloilo which is more than 400,000 includes 180 barangays with a teeming urban poor communities. Patients from these urban poor communities need medical attention and hospitalization within affordable reach of mostly daily wage earners.

This bill envisions the establishment of an extension hospital of the West Visayas Medical Center by setting up a fifty-bed capacity extension hospital in the City of Iloilo which will cater exclusive to poor patients of the City of Iloilo.

With the enactment of this bill, the medical needs of the urban poor in Iloilo City will be attended to.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**ESTABLISHING A FIFTY BED CAPACITY EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE
WEST VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF ILOILO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Supervision of the Department of Health, an extension fifty-bed capacity hospital of the West Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City, to be known as the West Visayas Medical Center City Extension Hospital.

SECTION 2. This extension hospital will, as an adjunct of the West Visayas Medical Center be established in Iloilo City and will admit indigent patients who are bonafide residents of Iloilo City only.

SECTION 3. The Extension Hospital will be administered by the Chief of Hospital of the West Visayas Medical Center who will be assisted by the Chairman of the Committee on Health of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, a representative of the Mayor of Iloilo City, a representative of the Office of the Congressman of Iloilo City, and the Chairman of the Association of Barangay Captains of Iloilo City, who will compose as the committee to oversee and admission and identification of bonafide patients from the City of Iloilo.

SECTION 4. The members of the committee mentioned in Section 3 shall receive no compensation.

SECTION 5. The initial sum of FIFTY MILLION PESOS (50,000,000) is hereby appropriated for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Extension City Hospital.

SECTION 6. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act. The Secretary of Health shall determine the manner by which the Extension City Hospital shall be made operation.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause – The law creating/establishing the West Visayas Medical Center is hereby modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED