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HOUSE BILL NO. 2866



Introduced by Congressman Antonio M. Diaz

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged and the elderly by establishing programs beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community. To maximize the role of the senior citizens in nation-building, the government is expected to adopt measures whereby the senior citizens are assisted and properly cared for. It must be noted that it is likewise, the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

This measure seeks to provide the senior citizens with health and medical services as well as medical practitioners who are authorities and experts on the diseases of the elderly by establishing a Senior Citizens Hospital in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales. The proposed specialty hospital is envisioned to intensify and focus on medical services attendant to the health, well-being and medical problems of the senior citizens and to provide a venue for regular counselling needed by the aged.

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

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBALES SENIOR CITIZENS
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 direct supervision of the Department of Health, a three hundred bed-capacity specialty hospital for the senior citizens in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales, to be known as the Zambales Senior Citizens Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Zambales Senior Citizens Hospital shall provide medical services and specialists with particular focus on diseases and health problems of the senior citizens. It shall likewise provide regular counselling and therapy for the total recovery of elderly patients.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the General Appropriations Acts for the Fiscal Year 2005. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall issue a written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that funds for its maintenance and operation have been appropriated.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.