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House Bill No. 3061

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

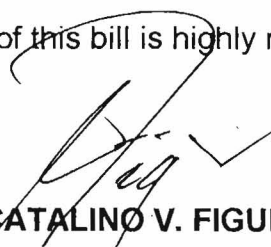
This bill seeks to convert the Poblacion Main Health Center in the Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, into a ten (10)-bed hospital.

The Municipality of Sta. Rita, like the other municipalities in the Province of Samar, has one of the highest poverty incidence in the country. More than sixty percent of its population belongs to what economists refer to as the "poorest of the poor." Only a small percentage of the population can afford private medical care. The bigger segment belongs to the medically indigent and depends primarily on the government for their health care needs.

The government, however, has been sadly remiss of its duty to deliver the basic health services to the unfortunate people in this municipality. With a present population of more than 35,000, it rightfully deserves a thirty (30)-bed hospital based on the ideal bed-to-population ration of 1:1,000. What it has at present are health centers that, understandably, cannot provide the desired medical services.

The nation's health is the nation's wealth. For any given locality to attain social and economic progress, it is imperative that its people's health needs be first properly addressed. The conversion of the Poblacion Main Health Center into a ten (10)-bed hospital is a big leap to the right direction. It has a wide catch area covering not only the thickly-populated *poblacion* but also the many *barangays* adjacent to it.

In view of its importance, passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION MAIN HEALTH
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. RITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR,
INTO A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Poblacion Main Health Center in the Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, is hereby converted into a ten (10)-bed capacity hospital under the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Therefore, such sums as are needed for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,