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House Bill No. 3085

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rehabilitate and renovate the Samar Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar.

The people of the three provinces of Samar are currently plagued by the inadequacy of medical treatment and services available in their respective provinces. In the province of Samar alone, there is only one provincial hospital that, through the years of wear and tear and neglect, has become a place of death instead of being a place for health and life.

The present Samar Provincial Hospital is a ghost of its former self. Several years of neglect has reduced it to its present debilitating condition. Understaffed with underpaid medical people coupled with a lack of medical supplies and equipment, it has become inadequate in providing the health needs of the over 600,000 people in Samar alone.

In a recent television expose done by Mike Enriquez of GMA Channel 7's *Imbestigador* on the plight of the said hospital, it was shown on national TV the present situation of the Samar Provincial Hospital and the predicament that the patients and other hospital goers go through. The hospital staff themselves are sad that the hospital is not being given the right care and attention. No wonder, some patients who can afford have themselves hospitalized in Tacloban City which is two hours away by land trip, would rather travel far than get treatment of the said hospital. They want to make sure that they get well from their sickness in a Tacloban hospital rather than die in the Samar Provincial Hospital from reasons other than their actual sickness.

The lack of political will among the local government officials is the main cause for the deterioration of the provincial hospital.

Sensing the urgency of this bill and thinking of the need for updated, clean and functional provincial hospital, passage of such is strongly recommended.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF THE SAMAR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATBALOGAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be rehabilitated and renovated, under the supervision of the Department of Health, the Samar Provincial Hospital located in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar.

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,