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HOUSE BILL No. 4379



Introduced by: **HON. EMILIO C. MACIAS II**

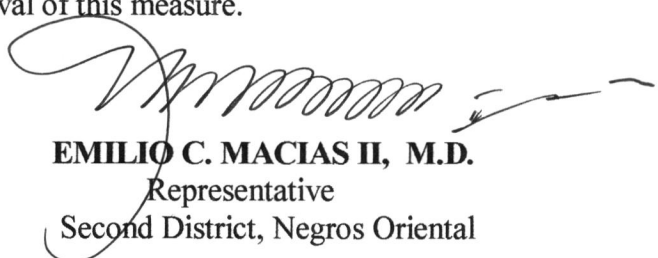
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution explicitly provides that the State shall promote and protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is thus clear that the promotion of health is always an urgent business of society not only because it is the very foundation of an active and useful life but also the right of every Filipino. It is for this reason that since 1998, this humble representation had been pushing for the modernization of the health care delivery system in the Philippines. The said measure which is now House Bill No. 41, will ultimately phase out the antiquated system of health care delivery to complement the state-of-the-art equipment and technology in order to effectively address various health issues and concerns in our country.

However, in view of the propensity of some members of Congress to file measures seeking the piece-meal creation of district hospitals and the inclination of the leadership to favor such measures as evidenced by the passage of laws re-nationalizing certain hospitals and the omnibus approval recently by the House Sub-Committee on Health Facilities and Services of similar measures, in contravention of the State policy on local autonomy, this representation therefore is compelled to file a measure that will cover the entire country instead of a particular area.

The establishment of a twenty-bed capacity district hospital in every congressional district will somehow strike a balance over areas, which until now, do not have district hospitals to the detriment of the people living in these areas.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this measure.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a twenty-bed capacity district hospital in every congressional district under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,