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HOUSE BILL NO. 4962

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII (Social Justice and Human Rights) of the Constitution, particularly Section 11 thereof provides that *"the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost."*

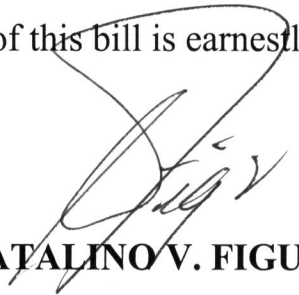
This bill seeks to provide for the rehabilitation of the Philippine Orthopedic Hospital (POH) through a five-year modernization program and appropriate funds therefor.

The Philippine Orthopedic Hospital, located along Banawe Street in Quezon City, is the only national health facility which specializes in orthopedic medicine or the treatment or correction of diseased, deformed, or injured bones or muscles. It is also among the very few national health facilities under the Department of Health classified as Special Research Center and Hospital.

Aside from providing medical orthopedic services to its patients, the POH also provides affordable basic health care services to people from Metro Manila and nearby provinces. However, despite the tireless efforts of the hospital's medical staff and employees, the hospital encounters various difficulties in providing more efficient medical services to its numerous patients because the hospital's facilities are mostly obsolete or worn-out due to long years of use.

The rehabilitation and modernization of the Philippine Orthopedic Hospital is long overdue. The implementation of the five-year modernization program would definitely improve the medical services of the POH particularly in the field of orthopedics. The modernization program will also highlight the government's resolve to pursue the constitutional mandate provided.

In view of these considerations, passage of this bill is earnestly urged.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PHILIPPINE
ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL THROUGH A FIVE-YEAR
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
“Philippine Orthopedic Hospital Modernization Act of 2005 .”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of
the State to provide total health care services for our people by adopting and
implementing a comprehensive health care system based on the following
concepts:

a) Comprehensive medical services according to the needs of the patient;

b) Use of government medical facilities as service instrumentalities for the people; and

c) Optimum health care by preserving and promoting a proper inter-relationship among physicians, patients and hospitals.

SEC. 3. ***Purpose and Objectives.*** – The objectives of this Act are as follows:

a) Provide comprehensive medical care to residents of the community within their economic means and capability;

b) Provide the people with a viable means of achieving and maintaining good health by focusing more on disease prevention and control rather than care;

c) Acquire, develop and apply modern and cost-efficient medical technology by periodic educational enhancement of the hospital's medical staff;

d) Acquire or upgrade appropriate medical equipment and supplies; and

e) Improve and construct adequate hospital facilities.

SEC. 4. ***Modernization Program.*** – The Philippine Orthopedic Hospital Modernization Program shall consist of the following components:

a) *Organizational Developments.* - In its first year of implementation, the POH Modernization Program shall entail the restructuring and streamlining of units and offices for economy and efficiency. This measure will abate the overlapping of functions of offices, facilitate the deployment of the hospital's medical staff and employees in attending to urgent or emergency medical situations as well as speed-up medical procedures and responses;

b) *Human Resource Development.* - The POH Modernization Program shall endeavor to evolve and assemble a highly competent and professional medical staff to man the hospital. This will be achieved through continuous manpower development and professional education programs throughout the five-year modernization program;

c) *Equipment and Technology Development.* - The development of equipment and medical systems so that it can adequately respond to current and future health care needs of the community: *Provided,* That the following measures shall be observed in the acquisition of equipment and medical systems:

i) Maximum utilization of existing inventory through rehabilitation and upgrading of equipments to reduce the cost of acquisition;

ii) Acquisition must be synchronized with the phase-out of obsolete and uneconomical equipment in the hospital's inventory;

iii) Equipment acquisition must complement the training of personnel for its operation, maintenance and repair;

iv) The equipment to be purchased must be low cost but must not compromise operational efficiency;

v) Only direct offers from suppliers who are themselves manufacturers of the equipment offered shall be entertained; and

vi) Supply contract shall be consummated in clear terms and with adequate provision for post-sales services and availability of spare parts.

d) *Infrastructure and Support System Development.* – The construction or improvement of infrastructure and support facilities to ensure efficient health care service which includes, but is not limited to, diagnostic laboratory, dietetic kitchen, radiology laboratory, dispensary, doctors and nurses dormitory, information management systems, communications systems, paramedic vans and ambulances.

SEC. 5. ***Implementation.*** – Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Director of the Philippine Orthopedic Hospital, shall cause the preparation of a program for the POH's modernization which shall have a five-year implementing period.

Thereafter, the POH Modernization Program shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for its consideration and approval.

SEC. 6. ***Appropriations.*** – The POH Modernization Program shall be funded from the following sources:

- a) Budgetary savings of the Department of Health;
- b) Ten percent (10%) of the unclaimed prizes of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's Lotto operations; and
- c) One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) annually for five (5) years to be appropriated and included in the budget of the Department of Health in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. ***Congressional Oversight.*** – Not later than the end of the first quarter of the succeeding year from the implementation of the POH Modernization Program, the Secretary of Health shall submit to Congress an annual report containing the progress of the implementation of the POH Modernization Program.

SEC. 8. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause*. – If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever is earlier.

Approved,