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House of Representatives
Luzon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill. No. 5274



Introduced by Hon. Alan Peter S. Cayetano

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Taguig-Pateros District Hospital (TPDH) in Taguig, Metro Manila into a Medical Center in order to upgrade the capability of the existing TPDH in delivering tertiary health care to the people of Taguig-Pateros and southern Metro Manila.

The Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

When Sen. Rene Cayetano was a member of parliament representing Taguig, Pateros and Muntinlupa, and concurrent deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, he had to fly in by chopper a person from Epza Bataan to Manila for medical treatment. At the same time many of his constituents were complaining that the provincial hospital was too far away and was always full. Thus, the dream of having a hospital based in the district. A step towards that direction was Proclamation Number 2476 drafted by MP Rene Cayetano and signed by President Ferdinand Marcos on January 6 1986 which, separated Signal Village, Upper, Lower and Western Bicutan from Fort Bonifacio and awarding land to actual occupants. Thus property for the hospital became available.

The Taguig-Pateros District Hospital is the first and only government hospital in the District of Taguig and Pateros. It was established to address the health care needs of the people, however, it only functions on a 25-bed capacity, way off the 100 bed capacity stipulated in the Republic Act which created it. Taguig and Pateros now have a population of about 600,000 and is fast growing.

The problem was that the hospital was not operating but served as a mere symbolic hospital, basically just a clinic and a building. Beginning 1998 to the present, gradual transformation of the hospital in to a fully operational hospital with a pro-service, pro-people outlook can be observed. Primarily responsible to the full operational status of the hospital was the support of the late Senator Renato "Comapañero" L. Cayetano. During his incumbency, million worth of funds were infused into the hospital's account to help augment the grave deficiency in the supply of medicines and other hospital requirements. Furthermore, the operating room, the laboratory as well as the emergency rooms sections were made to be of better service and were equipped to serve the people of Taguig-Pateros through the initial P11,000,000 assistance provided by the late Senator for the procurement of the needed equipments.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TAGUIG-PATEROS DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TAGUIG,
METRO MANILA INTO A MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS
THE SENATOR RENATO "COMPAÑERO" L. CAYETANO MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER, AND
APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Taguig-Pateros (TAPAT) District Hospital Taguig, M.M. is hereby converted into a Memorial Medical Center to be known as Sen. Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center.

Section 2. The amount necessary to carry the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Health under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Memorial Medical Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. An initial 250 million shall be allocated for the medical center's operation and upgrading.

Section 3. Creation of the Medical Center Board of Trustees – There is hereby created a trust, for the benefit of the Filipino people, primarily the constituents from Taguig and Pateros under the name "Sen. Renato "Companero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center".

The Sen. Renato "Companero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center shall be administered by a Board of Trustees composed of seven (7) members and headed by the Director of the Center. The Director of the Center shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The six (6) appointive members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation for a period of four (4) years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. The Board of Trustees shall elect a Chairman among themselves, who shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. Objectives and Purpose – The purposes and objectives of the Sen. Rene Cayetano Memorial Medical Center are:

1. To improve the medical facilities and services by providing state of the art equipment, machineries and the construction of additional buildings and facilities to expand the hospital's bed capacity in order to serve the Filipino people, primarily the residents of Taguig-Pateros and southern Metro Manila;

2. To extend medical and health care services to the general public by providing them state of the art equipment and facilities possible, to help, prevent, relieve or alleviate suffering of the sick, especially the poor and less fortunate in life, without regard to race, creed, color, or political belief.
3. To attract the best medical practitioners to serve in this hospital.

Section 5. Powers – For the attainment and/or furtherance of its objectives and as a body corporate, acting through its Board of Trustees, shall have all the powers pertaining to a juridical person, and is therefore authorized, among other things:

1. To acquire and hold in any property of whatever nature or description, and to dispose of such property under any mode of encumbrance or conveyance;
2. To contract and be contracted with;
3. To mortgage, lease, sell, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of its properties;
4. To solicit and receive donations, endowments and funds in the form of contributions, whether in cash or in kind, from both the public and private sectors;
5. To open such accounts in banks and other financial institutions, and to dispose of such funds or invest the same as the Board may direct to accomplish or advance the purposes or interest of the Sen. Rene Cayetano Memorial Medical Center.
6. To adopt a set of by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with law and the provisions hereof to govern the administration and operation of the affairs of the medical center; and
7. To do all such acts and other things as are or may be necessary or incidental for the accomplishment of the purpose of the Sen. Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center.

Section 6. Tax exemptions, etc. – All donations, contributions or endowments which may be made by entities or persons to the Sen. Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center shall be exempt from income and donation taxes, and the same shall be further deductible under Section 30, paragraph (h) of the National Internal revenue Code, as amended.

The Sen. Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Medical Center shall be exempt from payment of all taxes, charges and fees imposed by the government or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof for a period of ten years.

All income earned by foreign doctors who shall use the facilities of the Center shall be tax exempt for a period of ten years from the date of issuance hereof.

Section 7. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,