

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 3650

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Introduced by Representative **Carlo V. Lopez**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The physical well-being of a nation is a prerequisite to national prosperity and progress. The Philippines, being a developing country, cannot afford to be complacent about the health and well-being of its people, lest progress and development is hampered.

This line of thought, although not literally expressed in the Philippine Constitution, is indirectly conveyed and contained in the following constitutional provisions:

ARTICLE XIII, Section 11: The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social service available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

The above quoted provision is a crystal-clear indication that health and medical services are primary concerns of the State and **MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE TO ALL THE PEOPLE.**

With this spirit in mind, it is worthy to remember the countless number of our people who have been deprived of immediate and adequate cure and care and have ultimately succumbed to the even simplest, curable illnesses and diseases. These are common tragedies in the many isolated places of the archipelago where even available medical facilities have remained an impossible dream, or, in the more unfortunate places where such things are completely strange and unknown.

Perhaps it is best this time to stretch our hands and alleviate these poor souls from the sad plight they have borne for years and save them from the fangs of useless, untimely deaths that have constantly threatened their useful lives.

The people are the backbone of any growing nation so let us all endeavor to build a physically-strong citizenry for national growth and prosperity.

Approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CONGRESSIONAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHERE THERE ARE NO EXISTING HOSPITALS AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established and constructed an emergency hospital, under the supervision of the Department of Health, in every congressional district where there are no existing hospitals, to be known as congressional emergency hospital.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. The funds needed for the construction and establishment of the congressional emergency hospitals shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Health and/or Economic Support Fund allotted to said Department. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation, repair and maintenance of the congressional emergency hospitals shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.