



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 6633

Introduced by Honorable Peter "Sr. Pedro" Unabia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Medina Hospital in the Municipality of Medina, Misamis Oriental from the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City and convert it into a general hospital to be known as the Medina General Hospital and appropriating funds therefor.

Section 11 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides:

"Sec. 11. 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. 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."

In 1948, the Puericulture Center and Women's Club was organized by Doña Felipa N. Pelaez, the mother of former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez. In 1976, the Board of Directors of the Puericulture Center established a maternity hospital to provide health services to the women and children of Medina. The provincial government of Misamis Oriental supported the hospital by giving monthly financial aid to cover the expenses and salaries of the medical staff.

In 2005, the subsidies were stopped which led to the termination of the operation of the Medina Hospital. For the next five years, the Medina Hospital was not operational. Eventually, the leaders of the Women's Club, with the consent of its members, donated the Medina Hospital to the Department of Health (DOH). Under the present administration, President Benigno S. Aquino III allocated Five Million Pesos for the completion of the building, Seventeen Million Pesos for the facilities and Six Million Pesos for the maintenance and other operating expenses of the hospital.

Presently, the Medina Hospital is a 25-bed capacity hospital which serves as a satellite hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) in Cagayan de Oro City. The hospital provides preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to the residents of the Municipality of Medina including the neighboring Talisayan, Gingoog City and other municipalities of Misamis Oriental.

To ensure the sustainable operation of the hospital, it is necessary to separate the Medina Hospital from the Northern Mindanao Medical Center and convert it into a general hospital under the supervision of the Department of Health.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE MEDINA HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL FROM THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, CONVERTING IT INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MEDINA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion Into a General Hospital.* –

The Medina Hospital in the Municipality of Medina, Misamis Oriental is hereby separated from the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City and converted into a general hospital to be known as the Medina General Hospital.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Medina Hospital are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Medina General Hospital.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Medina General Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

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