

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H. No. 115



Introduced by Representative Teodorico T. Haresco, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.

The Ibajay District Hospital was established under Republic Act 2759 with a bed capacity of 25 on June 19, 1960. From a remodeled Puericulture Center Building near the town hall of the Municipality of Ibajay where it was housed, it opened its doors to the public on March 1963 as Ibajay Emergency Hospital catering to out-patients only. In June 1963, with the filling up of the required number of personnel, it started admitting patients. Ten years later, sometime in 1974, the hospital was transferred to its present location at Barangay Agbago, Ibajay, Aklan along the National Highway, one kilometer west from its former site. It was later renamed as Ibajay District Hospital in the early 80's serving to other towns in the western district of Aklan.

With the implementation of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Ibajay District Hospital was devolved to the Local Government Unit of the Province of Aklan in January of 1993. Prior to the devolution, the hospital operated as a 25-bed Level II hospital. However, a year after the devolution, the hospital's licensing category was downgraded to Level I.

The Ibajay District Hospital is the Core Referral Hospital of 5 municipalities of the Northwest Aklan namely Tangalan, Ibajay, Nabas, Malay and Buruanga with a total catchment population of 105,877 based on the 2008 census. It also serves the residents of 5 barangays of the neighboring town of Pandan, Antique. Hence, there is an urgent demand to improve the health care services of the Ibajay District Hospital, specifically by increasing its bed capacity from 25 to 100, to meet the increasing needs of the Aklanons.

The passage of bill is earnestly sought.


TEODORICO T. HARESCO, JR.
Representative

Reference:

History of Ibajay District Hospital. Ibajay District Hospital Website. Retrieved from http://www.idh.ibajay.net/About_Us.htm on 5 December 2011.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF IBAJAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of Iabajay District Hospital is hereby
2 increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds with concomitant manpower
3 compliment.

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5 SEC. 2. The increase in the bed capacity of Iabajay District Hospital from twenty-five
6 (25) to one hundred (100) shall be implemented for a period of not more than three years
7 from the approval of this Act.

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9 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the
10 implementation of the increase in the bed capacity of Iabajay District Hospital, the funding of
11 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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13 SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be
14 deemed amended or repealed accordingly.

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16 SEC.5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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18 *Approved,*