

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 375

Introduced by: **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks to re-establish the twenty (20) bed Extension Hospital II of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (formerly the Southern Island Medical Center Extension Hospital II) at Barangay Guba, First District of Cebu City to serve the residents of some twenty (20) mountain barangays.

The health situation in the mountain barangays in the First District of Cebu City is far from ideal. The incidence of health problems, particularly because of the lack of the basic health and medical facilities and services, may soon come up to alarming proportion. There is therefore a real need to address the situation as any outbreak of disease would seriously impair the productive capacity and hence the livelihood of the mountain barangay residents.

Barangay Guba is strategically located at the center of some twenty (20) mountain barangays in the First District of Cebu City, the farthest of which is approximately twenty five (25) kilometers distance to the nearest existing hospital and only ten (10) kilometers to Barangay Guba. This element of distance, particularly in accident cases resulting in critical physical injuries, has oftentimes spelled the difference between life and death.

The Extension Hospital II of the then Southern Island Medical Center now the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center was established by virtue of RA 6897 effective March 8, 1990. With the support of the Southern Islands Medical Center, the Guba Extension Hospital II provided the residents of Barangay Guba and its surrounding barangays appropriate quality health care in terms of modern facilities and equipment as well as availability of medical doctors and other health care professionals.

However, with the devolution of the Southern Island Medical Center Extension Hospital II to the City Government of Cebu upon the effectivity of the Local Government Code on October 10, 1991, the Guba Hospital was no longer able to provide the appropriate quality health care due to the lack of resources from the local government unit. Patients seeking consultation and treatment threat had to be referred to another hospital facility for further treatment and management.

The reestablishment of the Don Vicente Sotoial Medical Center Extension Hospital II at Barangay Guba equipped with basic facilities to meet the need for the medical and health services will once again provide the appropriate quality health care needed by the residents of Barangay Guba and its surrounding barangays fulfilling the current vision of the present administration of providing "Kalusugan Pangkalahatan" Universal Health Care for all.

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


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AN ACT
REESTABLISHING THE TWENTY (20) BED EXTENSION HOSPITAL II OF
VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL CENTER (FORMELY THE SOUTHERN ISLAND
MEDICAL CENTER) AT BARANGAY GUBA, FIRST DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL CENTER EXTENSION
HOSPITAL II AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. There shall be re-established the twenty (20) bed Extension Hospital II of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (formerly Southern Island Medical Center) at Barangay Guba, First District of Cebu City, to be known as the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center Extension Hospital II.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation if this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the establishment of the hospital shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this Act into law. Thereafter, funds necessary for its maintenance and operation shall be provided in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Code.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,