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HOUSE BILL NO. 865



Introduced by Honorable Arturo B. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a gap in the extension of health services in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, one that has a vast and growing population projected at over one million (1,007,450) in 2012. There are only five rural health units and sub-centers to service the immediate health care needs of the City. So, one health unit therefore attends to close to 125,000 residents.

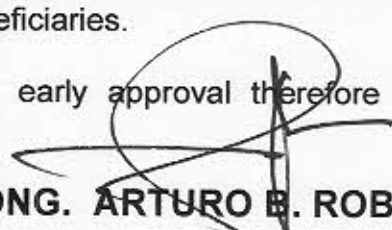
Only one government-run hospital offers primary health care services in the City, the Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte (Hospital of the City of San Jose Del Monte). It was turned over to the local government in January 2002 and has, since then, struggles with limited budget. The Hospital only has an authorized fifty (50) bed capacity. The demand for hospital services from such a large population therefore exceeded its admission capacity by up to 156%. Hence, consistently through the years, hospital corridors and alleys are converted into wards if only to accommodate heavy influx of patients.

It may also be highlighted that one of the biggest gaps in the City of San Jose Del Monte in terms of health care is in the area of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatrics. This is understandable. The Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte is not a specialty hospital, hence, the gaps in these areas.

Apart from local concerns, it is also important to relate to our country's commitment under the UN Millenium Development Goals to reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and combat other women's and children's diseases. The establishment of St. Bernadette's Maternity and Children's Hospital of San Jose Del Monte City, as herein proposed, is supportive of the attainment of such goal within the Province of Bulacan.

It is therefore proposed that a one hundred fifty (100) bed capacity hospital strictly for women's and children's health requirements as defined under this Bill be organized in City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan. This will benefit 38.26% (385,433) of its entire 2012 population belonging to child-age group below 15 years. Women of child-bearing age determined at 263,273 or 52.37.7% of its total 2012 female population will constitute the other group of beneficiaries.

Considering the merits of this Bill, its early approval therefore is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN
AS ST. BERNADETTE'S MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF SAN JOSE
DEL MONTE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the direct supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Health, a women's and children's hospital in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, to be known as the St. Bernadette's Maternity and Children's Hospital of San Jose Del Monte City.

SECTION 2. The hospital shall specialize on the care of women and children and shall focus on medical services which shall include but not limited to: women and children health care, prenatal testing, obstetrics and gynecological services, pediatrics care, lactation programs, nutrition services, neonatal care, immunization services, postpartum depression support and education classes for women's and children health awareness and parenting.

SECTION 3. The St. Bernadette's Maternity and Children's Hospital of San Jose Del Monte City to be established under this Act is hereby authorized to operate on a 100-bed capacity dedicated for women and children's health requirements.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health shall provide or cause to be provided the design of the medical facility, requirements of the hospital, the diagnostic and treatment functions, such as clinical laboratories, imaging, surgery, emergency services, and other related services. The Secretary of Health or his deputized officer in the Department of Health shall, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, prepare and submit the organizational structure and personnel complement, the proposed furniture and fixtures, the equipment components of the Hospital and the estimated cost thereof. For the purpose of supporting the funding requirements of the Hospital, grants-in-aids or official development assistance from international institutions may also be obtained.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Health shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval