

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 889**



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Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

"Inhuman hospital conditions" is how Fr. Cecilio Magsino described the National Orthopedic Hospital when a small group of university students made a visit with the idea of cheering up patients.

Hospital wards indicate very poor ventilation, some stench is nauseating, toilets are not flushing, bedsheets are not regularly changed, gloves are recycled and such other otherwise single-time use hospital gadgets or materials are re-used.

Perhaps, other government hospitals are better funded but the conditions prevailing at the National Orthopedic Hospital ought to be one of pitiful sight.

Considering that there is a continuing need to maintain and upgrade the services and facilities of this hospital toward a desired state of health care delivery, it is of extreme importance and urgency to upgrade it with the infusion of much needed funds in keeping with modern standards.

The benefits to patients far outweigh the costs that may be entailed with this proposed upgrading if we are sincere and serious in our efforts to show that the Filipino people are the real boss from whom the sovereign will is derived.

It is high time to upgrade to modern standards this National Orthopedic Hospital that caters to hundreds upon hundreds of patients with orthopedic and neuromuscular conditions as well as spinal injuries.

The infusion of public funds such as an amount of an initial P200,000 to upgrade its services, facilities, and structures may be a good start in this direction.

The immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

**WINSTON "WINNIE" CASTELO**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink is written over the printed name "WINSTON 'WINNIE' CASTELO". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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**AN ACT**  
**UPGRADING THE NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL IN BANAWA, QUEZON**  
**CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The National Orthopedic Hospital in Banawa, Quezon City is hereby upgraded to modern standards.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,