

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 2583



Introduced by Honorable Estrellita "Ging" B. Suansing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks to upgrade, modernize and increase the current 25-bed capacity of the Guimba District Hospital in the Municipality of Guimba, Nueva Ecija into a 50-bed capacity secondary hospital.

The proposed legislation will increase the capacity of the Guimba District Hospital to provide quality health care services to the residents of the Municipality of Guimba with a population of 104,894 (based on the 2012 NSO Census) and a land area of 25, 853.23 hectares. Guimba District Hospital also provides its services to residents of neighboring municipalities. For more serious cases that have to be treated in tertiary hospitals where there are complete facilities and better qualified health practitioners, patients are brought to Cabanatuan City. It is noteworthy that Cabanatuan City is almost 40 kilometers away from the town proper of Guimba, with a travel time of 35-40 minutes. In emergency cases, 40 kilometers is a long way, and 35-40 minutes is a long time. Furthermore, the road and traffic conditions make it difficult for speedy transport. There is, therefore, a strong need to increase, improve and strengthen the capacity of the Guimba District Hospital in order to accommodate the large volume of people in need of medical attention, as well as owing its inaccessibility to the nearest major hospitals.

The improvement and upgrading of the Guimba District Hospital would give them the capacity to provide quality health care, better facilities and services, provide

for and accommodate more patients at a time, and produce employment opportunities for health practitioners in the municipality.

Consistent with our government's program to improving the quality of life through promotion and implementation of universal health care for its people, this representation finds it necessary to improve aforementioned medical facility in Guimba.

Henceforth, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION AS WELL AS
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE GUIMBA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA FROM TWENTY-FIVE
(25) TO FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Guimba District Hospital in the Municipality of Guimba, Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby modernized and upgraded from a twenty-five (25)-bed capacity secondary hospital into fifty (50)-bed capacity which shall be under the direct technical operation and administration of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall issue and promulgate such rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the evaluation, approval and implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the Guimba District Hospital, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The local government unit (LGU) concerned shall continue to provide funding for the Guimba District Hospital until such time that its full funding is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,