



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. **2781**

Introduced by Honorable Evelina G. Escudero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) in the Province of Sorsogon into a tertiary hospital which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.*" It is then the obligation of the State to enhance the delivery of health services to the people.

The Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) caters to the medical and health needs of the people in the Province of Sorsogon. Converting the hospital to a tertiary hospital with an increased bed capacity will provide better health services. Upgraded and efficient facilities which will emphasize preventive care will be readily available for the patients. Hopefully, it will also result in a decrease in the mortality rate in the province. Increasing its bed capacity to two hundred fifty beds will greatly benefit the people of the province and nearby areas considering the additional number of patients that the hospital will be able to accommodate.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is urgently requested.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2781

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE DR. FERNANDO B. DURAN, SR. MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL (FORMERLY SORSOGON PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL) IN
THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL
UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL
SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) in the Province of Sorsogon is hereby converted into a tertiary hospital.

SEC. 2. The hospital shall have the capabilities of a tertiary hospital, increasing its bed capacity to two hundred fifty (250) beds, and shall be under the direct administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,