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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2837

**Introduced by Representatives EVELINA G. ESCUDERO
and DEOGRACIAS B. RAMOS, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

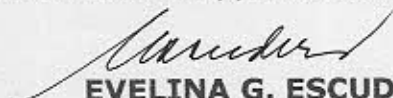
The Dr. Fernando B. Duran Jr. Memorial Hospital is a province-wide medical facility in Sorsogon that caters to at least 740,743 (2010 Census) residents. If the health needs of the residents are to be considered, the present hospital health facilities and health providers are found wanting and leave so much to be desired.

As a matter of fact, our constituents flock to Metro Manila to seek intervention in various public specialty hospitals. This further strains the already limited budget of these government medical institutions, not to mention the financial hardships to our constituents, specially the indigents who come to us for financial support.

The only way we can help Sorsogon is to upgrade the hospital's service capability to a higher level of care and increase its bed capacity. This upgrade will ensure better health care delivery system to our constituents.

While we recognize the present trend of decentralization of health services in line with local autonomy of LGUs, we simply cannot ignore the fact that the Province of Sorsogon has not enough funds to upgrade the service capability of the said hospital. This will not be case if and when the hospital is placed under the Department of Health.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT UPGRADING DR. FERNANDO B. DURAN SR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The Dr. Fernando B. Duran Sr. Memorial Hospital in Sorsogon City is hereby upgraded into tertiary general hospital which shall be under direct technical and administrative supervision of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Health shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,