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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert and upgrade the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center located in the City of Manila into Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital which administration and management will now be under the national government through the Department of Health.

The enactment on June 22, 1957, or Republic Act 1939, otherwise known as the Hospital Financing Act, spurred the City of Manila to establish its own hospital—one of which is the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center. The law required Manila to contribute 1% of its annual income for the operation and maintenance of national hospitals in the city.¹

On April 11, 1962, the then President Diosdado Macapagal issues Presidential Proclamation No. 31 turning over to the City of Manila for hospital purposes the national government property at the corner of Harrison and Roxas Boulevard to which the Ospital of Maynila Medical Center was built and continued to stand as of this time.²

However, the City of Maynila is, at present, in severe financial distress and submerged in huge financial indebtedness amounting to millions of pesos. By reason of the same, the City of Manila is now having a hard time to budget its collections from basic services for its constituents and could hardly sustain the maintenance of the said hospital, thus the need to transfer Ospital ng Maynila's administration and management under the national government through the Department of Health.

The transfer of the management and administration of the Ospital ng Maynila to the national government will not only improve its services but it will result to its upgrade in services particularly that it will not only cater the residents of Manila, but more so the general population.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia

² Ibid.

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE OSPITAL NG MAYNILA
MEDICAL CENTER (OMMC) IN THE CITY OF MANILA
INTO OSPITAL NG MAYNILA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SEC. 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Ospital ng Maynila Conversion and Upgrading Act of 2014*".

SEC. 2. Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center Conversion. - The Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center in the City of Manila created by virtue of Republic Act 1939, otherwise known as the Hospital Financing Act, which spurred the City of Manila to establish its own hospital is hereby converted to a general hospital to be known as the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital.

SEC. 3. Conversion Plan. - The conversion scheme, including the proposed timetable for the same, shall be carried out under a conversion plan to be drawn up by the Central Office of the Department of Health: *Provided*, That said plan shall be constituted and coordinated by the Department with the Center for Health Development Metro Manila Director, Chief of Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital, medical and non-medical personnel through their legal or duly-designated representatives, and other stakeholders and the City of Manila through its authorized representative.

Part of the conversion plan of the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center, its management and administration shall be made under the national government through the Department of Health. By reason of this, Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital shall be included in the list of hospitals under the administration and supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 4. Transfer of All Assets and Liabilities. - All assets, movable and immovable, and records of the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center, as well as

its liabilities and obligations, are hereby transferred to the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital.

SEC. 5. Security of Tenure. - The positions, seniority, security and other rights of tenure of medical and non-medical personnel of the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center shall continue to be honored under the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital.

SEC. 6. Expanded Services. - Considering the conversion and upgrade of the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center into a general hospital and its administration and management being now under the Department of Health, it will expand its services not only to the residents or constituents of the City of Manila but to the whole country as well particularly those in the nearby cities.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against its current year's appropriations. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In this view, the City of Manila will no longer appropriate any part of its budget for the funding of the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital as it will now be under the national government's management and administration.

SEC. 8. Supplementary Funding. - The CHD for Metro Manila Regional Director and Chief of Hospital, in coordination with the City of Manila—the concerned local government unit, shall also draw up a mechanism for sourcing supplementary funds to augment the operations of the Ospital ng Maynila General Hospital.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines..

Approved.