

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

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4627



Introduced by **HONORABLE EDCCEL "GREX" B. LAGMAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides: "The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Further, Article XII, Section 11 states: "The state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The state shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

The municipality of Bacacay in the First Congressional District of Albay has the most number of barangays and is the second most populous town in the district. With a total of 56 barangays, including its small islands, Bacacay has a population of 65,724 with a 2.20% growth rate as of the 2010 Census of Population and Housing.

At present, the Cagraray District Hospital in Barangay Cabasan, Bacacay, is the only public hospital serving barely five per cent (5%) of the entire population of the municipality. The said hospital is regrettably inaccessible to majority of the constituents because of its remote location in the island thus resulting in the difficult transport of patients from the mainland especially emergency cases in need of urgent medical attention. Aside from the inaccessible location, the hospital's deficiency in facilities, doctors, personnel and medical supplies has made the health service ineffective and inadequate at best. Without a doubt, the priority to build and establish a municipal hospital located in the mainland to address the increasing demand to provide indigent patients with quality health care is of vital importance.

The construction of the municipal hospital in Barangay 11 Poblacion in Bacacay intends to accommodate not only the constituents of the municipality but also those from the two neighboring towns namely Malilipot and Sto. Domingo in Albay, both lacking government hospitals.

In line with these, the bill urgently proposes the establishment of a fifty (50) bed capacity municipal hospital for Bacacay, Albay.

In keeping with the constitutional mandate, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN BACACAY,
PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACACAY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall hereby be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a fifty (50) bed capacity hospital in the municipality of Bacacay in the First Congressional District of the Province of Albay to be known as the Bacacay Municipal Hospital.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health, in consultation and coordination with the local government officials concerned, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the operation of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,