

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5450



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER IN LUCENA CITY, QUEZON
INTO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE QUEZON REGIONAL
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution declares that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them" (Section 15, Article II).

Moreover, it provides that "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 under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers (Section 11, Article XIII).

Along these lines, government hospitals have been created and maintained to adequately provide healthcare to all Filipinos, especially the marginalized. In the Province of Quezon, the Quezon Medical Center through its many years of existence has provided affordable services to the residents of the province. It also caters to the health needs of residents from nearby provinces, cities, and municipalities. Because of this, the meager resources and equipment of the medical center as well as its already undermanned personnel are further stretched among its numerous patients.

Records show that the medical center is a 250-bed provincial government hospital but its registry desks showed more than 400 patients, both outpatient and in-patient cases and dispensary services.

In view thereof, it is imperative that assistance be extended to the Quezon Medical Center so that it may fully address the needs of its patients whose number is steadily increasing.

This measure seeks to convert the Quezon Medical Center into a regional hospital in order to create a more responsive medical institution that will effectively address the medical needs of the people, especially the less privileged not only in Quezon province but in the entire CALABARZON area.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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

SECTION. 1. The existing Quezon Medical Center in Lucena City, Quezon is hereby converted into a regional hospital to be known as the Quezon Regional Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,