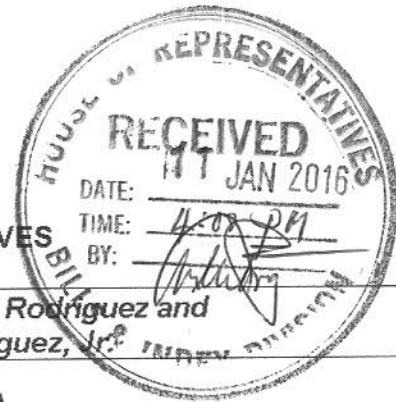


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them".

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution further 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".

These provisions highlight the fact that it is the government's basic responsibility to provide for quality health care to Filipino people which encompasses primary health care services offered by barangay health centers and primary-level hospitals up to secondary and tertiary-level health care whenever possible.

To do this, the National Government must establish new hospitals or upgrade existing ones in areas where people depend largely on public hospitals for their health care needs because of the scarcity of private hospitals and in areas where the population has increased but health services have not.

Such is the case of J.R. Borja General Hospital. 2014 Data shows that historical bed occupancy rate has increased to 135.81% from 78.46% in 2014 and patients' average length of stay likewise lengthened to 5.54 days from the previous 4.47. In-patients attended to jumped 40% to 4,439 from only 3,176 in the previous period. Outpatients also increased 16.3% to 16,476 from the previous period. Emergency room cases attended to increased 15.3% to 11,435 while operations rocketed 50% to 532 from the previous period.

The hospital has also increased their employees to address the increase in patients by hiring 32 new employees to bolster the existing plantilla of 61.

Despite all the new nurses, staff and doctors, there is still a need to expand the hospital to further address the ever increasing population of Cagayan de Oro City. This is why the J.R. Borja Hospital should be converted into a national hospital to have more funds in order to expand its bed capacity and upgrade its facilities to optimize the services it offers to the public.

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


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE J.R. BORJA MEMORIAL CITY HOSPITAL IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE KNOWN AS J.R. BORJA MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The J.R. Borja Memorial City Hospital in Cagayan de Oro City is hereby converted into a Tertiary Level Medical Center to be known as the J.R. Borja Memorial Medical Center;

Section 2. The J.R. Borja Memorial Medical Center shall be under the direct control, supervision and management of the Department of Health.

Section 3. The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this act.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,