



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



Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4439

Introduced by Honorable Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of the Malita District Hospital in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to Davao Occidental Provincial Hospital and increase its authorized bed capacity from twenty-five (25) beds to one hundred (100) beds.

The Province of Davao Occidental was created from the Province of Davao del Sur by virtue of Republic Act 10360 (January 14, 2013) and commenced its corporate existence upon the election and qualification of the first set of elective officials on the May 19, 2016 national and local elections. The Malita District Hospital is located in the Municipality of Malita, the capital town and seat of government of Davao Occidental. It is, therefore, proper and fitting that the only government hospital in the capital town of the newly created province be renamed as Davao Occidental Provincial Hospital.

The Constitution provides in Article II, Section 15 that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them." It further reiterated in Article XIII, Section 11 that "the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost."

At present, the Malita District Hospital cannot cope with the increasing demand for hospital rooms, modern medical facilities, and

additional health-care services. Also, residents of adjoining municipalities have to wait for hours when seeking medical attention. Further, patients have to stay in the corridors of the hospital while recuperating from various illnesses and injuries. Hence, it is imperative to upgrade the medical facilities, improve health care services, and increase the bed capacity of the hospital to accommodate the medical needs of the growing population of the newly created Province of Davao Occidental.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is strongly recommended.



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MALITA DISTRICT**
3 **HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE**
4 **OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO DAVAO OCCIDENTAL**
5 **PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY**
6 **FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO ONE HUNDRED (100)**
7 **BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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12 **SECTION 1.** *Rename the Malita District Hospital.* – The name of
13 Malita District Hospital in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao
14 Occidental is hereby changed to Davao Occidental Provincial Hospital.

15 **SEC. 2.** *Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity.* – The authorized bed
16 capacity of the Davao Occidental Provincial Hospital is hereby increased
17 from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.

18 **SEC. 3.** *Upgrade Facilities and Services.* – The medical facilities
19 and health-care services of the Davao Occidental Provincial Hospital

1 shall be upgraded to conform with the increase in authorized bed
2 capacity.

3 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the
4 provisions of the Act shall be included in the annual General
5 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and
6 thereafter.

7 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of
8 Health shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to fully implement
9 the provisions of this Act.

10 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any part or
11 provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining
12 parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
13 effect.

14 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees,
15 executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
18 after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

19 Approved,