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HOUSE BILL NO. 4440

Introduced by Honorable Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

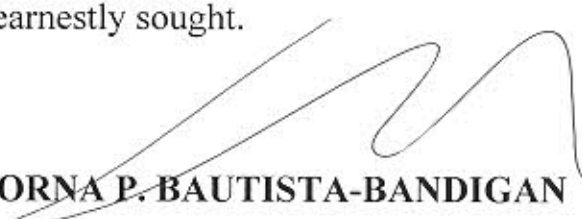
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill envisions to increase the authorized bed capacity of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital in the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental from twenty-five (25) beds to fifty (50) beds, upgrade the medical facilities, improve health-care services therein, and appropriate funds therefor.

Pursuant to the constitutional mandate 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 the people at affordable cost” (Art. XIII, Sec. 11), it is imperative to add other health-care services to, increase the authorized bed capacity, and modernize the medical facilities of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital to cope with the medical needs of the growing population of the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental.

Consistent with our government’s program to improve the quality of life through promotion and implementation of universal health care for its people, this Representation realizes the immediate need to increase the authorized bed capacity of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED BED CAPACITY OF THE
TOMAS LACHICA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF
DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO
FIFTY (50) BEDS, UPGRADING THE MEDICAL FACILITIES,
IMPROVING HEALTH-CARE SERVICES THEREIN, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity.* – The
authorized bed capacity of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital in the
Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental is
hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds.

SEC. 2. *Upgrade Medical Facilities and Services.* – The medical
facilities and health-care services of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital
shall be upgraded to conform with the increase in authorized bed
capacity.

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

5 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of
6 Health shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to fully implement
7 the provisions of this Act.

8 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any part or
9 provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining
10 parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
11 effect.

12 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees,
13 executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the
14 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
16 after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

17 Approved,