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House Bill No. 4875

Introduced by: Representative Manuel Jose M. Dalipe

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Likewise Section 11, Article XIII of the same provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and shall endeavor to promote free medical care to paupers.

This legislative measure seeks to upgrade Labuan Public Hospital, a 10-bed capacity into a Secondary Level Hospital and increasing the Bed Capacity for General Care Services to One Hundred (100) to further cater the health needs of the residents of Zamboanga City.

Labuan Public Hospital was created pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 517 dated June 10, 1983 to serve as an extension of Zamboanga City Medical Center. It is located about 35 kilometers along the West Coast of Zamboanga City and has a land area of 5,000 square meters and the building floor area of 602.25 square meters.

To serve the increasing number of patients for general health care services in Zamboanga City, it is imperative that the present Labuan Public Hospital be upgraded into a Secondary Level Hospital with 100-bed capacity for general care services in order to provide better and improved health care for the people of Zamboanga City.

In view of the foregoing reasons, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE LABUAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL INTO A
SECONDARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE BED
CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO ONE HUNDRED
(100), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

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

***SECTION 1.** Labuan Public Hospital located in Labuan, Zamboanga City is hereby upgraded into a secondary level hospital and the authorized bed capacity for general health care services increased to one hundred (100).

SECTION 2. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Labuan Public Hospital, shall determine the additional staff plantilla to be created pursuant to this Act.

SECTION 3. The increase in bed capacity of the Labuan Public Hospital to one hundred (100) beds for general care services shall be implemented for a period of not more than (4) years from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,