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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO 4945



Introduced by **Honorable CELSO L. LOBREGAT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend Batas Pambansa Blg. 517 which created the Labuan Public Hospital located in Zamboanga City on June 10, 1983 by converting it into a Level II General Hospital to be known as Labuan General Hospital.

The Labuan Public Hospital is a 10-bed capacity hospital which provides preventive and curative services to the residents of Labuan and nearby barangays.

With the rapid increase of population in the city, the existing health facility of Labuan Public Hospital, which was created more than 33 years ago, is extremely inadequate to accommodate the increasing number of patients coming to the hospital daily. Furthermore, those seeking medical services that could not be catered by the Labuan Public Hospital would have to travel to Zamboanga City Medical Center, which is situated approximately 36 kilometers away and would take more than an hour ride.

Given its limited capacity and resources, it is therefore imperative that the Labuan Public Hospital be converted into a Level II General Hospital in order to provide a more adequate service to its patients.

Consequently, its existing service facilities, professional health care services and the number of personnel also need to be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to its increased functional capacity.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 517 BY CONVERTING THE
LABUAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL, IN ZAMBOANGA CITY, INTO A LEVEL
II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS LABUAN GENERAL
HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Labuan Public Hospital is hereby converted into a General Hospital (Level II), to be known as Labuan General Hospital.

SECTION 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Labuan Public Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its functional capacity as a Level II General Hospital. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

SECTION 3. 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 4. The Secretary of Health in coordination with the concerned local government officials shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this 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,