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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5046**

Introduced By Representative MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a public hospital for the Senior Citizens of Ticao Island, Masbate to accommodate their medical needs.

It is the policy of the State to make quality health services accessible to everyone, especially to the underprivileged senior citizens, Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution 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 people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

A fitting culmination of a crusade to improve the plight of the elderly, a sound and responsive program and policy for the elderly is an expression that this Representation believes that health challenges in isolated and disadvantaged areas are difficult but not impossible.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL IN TICA0 ISLAND, MASBATE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – 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 people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

SECTION 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall immediately include the Departments' program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 3. Interpretation. – The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving an upgraded status corresponding to the Departments' rules and regulations and those not consistent herewith shall be supplementary application in the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – if any part of this Act is declared by the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.- All other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act or any provision hereof are hereby repealed or are modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation readily available and in around the scope specified herein. It shall likewise be posted in conspicuous place at the Municipal halls of Batuan, San Fernando, San Jacinto, Monreal, Claveria and San Pascual located in the islands of Ticao and Burias respectively and in the barangay hall where the hospital is located and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,