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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **5196**



Introduced by HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to re-nationalize the Biliran Provincial Hospital in the province of Biliran and place the same under the direct control, management, and supervision of the Department of Health.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. "Further, Article XIII, Section 11, states: "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 the 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."

Furthermore, the Local Government Code of 1991 was promulgated with the laudable objective of providing for more responsive and accountable services to the public. In pursuit thereof, health services were devolved to the local government units. Thus, Biliran Provincial Hospital, the only government hospital in the province was placed under the supervision and control of the provincial government.

The lack or complete absence of sufficient diagnostic tools, competent personnel, and specialized medical services brought about by deficient funds, growing number of patients and mismanagement of the responsible officials, the BPH, the only government hospital in the province that offers medical and surgical services is incapacitated to provide quality healthcare to indigent patients in the eight (8) Island Municipalities in Biliran.

In keeping with the constitutional mandate, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

RE-NATIONALIZING BILIRAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN BRGY. SANTISIMO ROSARIO, MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, PLACING UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Renationalization of Biliran Provincial Hospital – The Biliran Provincial Hospital in the province of Biliran is hereby re-nationalized; increasing its operating fund; upgrading its medical equipment and facilities; and constructing the needed infrastructure under the direct control, management, and supervision of the Department of Health.

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy – It is the declared policy of the State that it shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Further, 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 the people at affordable cost.

Sec. 3. Objectives. – The objective of this Act is to adopt an integrated and comprehensive quality health services that will cater indigent patients in the eight (8) Island Municipalities of the Province of Biliran and other neighboring municipalities in the provinces of Leyte and Samar.

Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations – For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 5. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the organizational adjustment fund. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. Separability Clause - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 7. Repealing Clause - All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.