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HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6189



Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Northern Mindanao Medical Center-Iligan City Annex in the Lone District of Iligan City under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides:

"Sec. 11. 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."

Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) is a center of wellness and excellence and an accredited Level IV Department of Health hospital in Region X. Located within the provincial capitol compound in Cagayan de Oro City, it is a 99-year-old hospital that metamorphosed from a 20-bed Misamis Public Hospital in 1918 to a 50-bed Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital in 1945 then to a 200-bed Northern Mindanao Regional Training Hospital. It became the 300-bed Northern Mindanao Medical Center on March 11, 1995 by virtue of Republic Act (RA) No. 7938. RA 10677 which was approved on August 26, 2015 amended RA 7938 by increasing the bed capacity of the NMMC from 300 to 600 beds, hence upgrading its facilities and increasing its personnel.

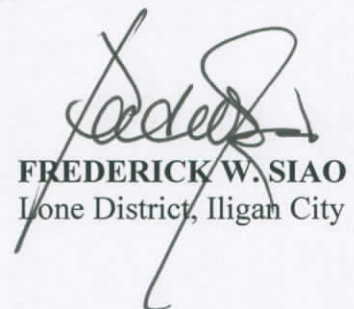
As a training center, its eleven (11) programs or specialties are fully accredited by specialty boards. As a Level IV health facility, it serves and provides the highest attainable health care in Region X and the neighboring regions, provinces and municipalities.

Iligan City is a highly-urbanized city in Northern Mindanao with a population of 342,618 inhabitants according to the 2015 census. It is geographically located in the province of Lanao del Norte but administered independently from the province. It was once a part of Central Mindanao (Region XII) until the province was transferred to Northern Mindanao (Region X) in 2001.

Of the seven (7) hospitals in Iligan City, only one, the Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital, also known as the "City Hospital," is a government hospital. With the establishment of the NMMC-Iligan City Annex, residents of Iligan City no longer need to endure and make the almost two-hour journey to Cagayan de Oro City, which further compounds their woes and financial burdens particularly in times of emergencies. The NMMC-Iligan City Annex will also provide health care services to the residents of the nearby cities of Marawi and Ozamis, the other municipalities from Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Misamis Oriental and Misamis Occidental.

The establishment of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center-Iligan City Annex is in line with the NMMC's vision of providing the highest attainable health care to the people of Region X and the neighboring provinces in Mindanao.

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



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ESTABLISHING AN ANNEX HOSPITAL OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO
MEDICAL CENTER IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF ILIGAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER-ILIGAN CITY ANNEX AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established an annex hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in the Lone District of Iligan City, to be known as the Northern Mindanao Medical Center-Iligan City Annex which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the operationalization of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center-Iligan City Annex, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall formulate and promulgate the implementing guidelines, rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,