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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
House Bill No. 6626



Introduced by **Representative GERALDINE B. ROMAN**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ORANI DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE
KNOWN AS ANTONINO "TONY" P. ROMAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED
(200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 3935, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Establishment of an Emergency Hospital in the Municipality of Orani, Province of Bataan to be known as the Orani Emergency Hospital, and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor", was enacted on 18 June 1964. The Orani Emergency Hospital was subsequently renamed "Orani District Hospital" by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 176 entitled "An Act Changing the Name of Every Emergency Hospital to District Hospital". On 8 April 1992, Republic Act No. 7360 increased the hospital bed capacity of Orani District Hospital to fifty (50) beds. Since its inception, the Orani District Hospital has continuously served, without fail, the residents not only of the Municipality of Orani but also those coming from other municipalities of Bataan as well.

Based on the latest census, the population of Bataan has reached 760,650 with the First District of Bataan having 344,221 and the Municipality of Orani alone registering at 66,909. As it stands, the current bed-population ratio for the Municipality of Orani is at 1:1,338 – a far cry from the ideal and projected 1:800 ratio as proposed by the Department of Health (DOH).

Article II, Sec. 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that: *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* This is further bolstered by Art. XIII, Sec. 11 which provides in part 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. xxx"* Moreover, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), to which the Philippines is a member, the right to health includes access to timely, acceptable, and affordable health care of appropriate quality.

This bill seeks to convert Orani District Hospital from a fifty-bed capacity district hospital to a Level 2 General Hospital with a bed capacity of two hundred (200). Given its strategic location, it is envisioned that the upgraded hospital will be the premier public hospital of Bataan's first district. This representation believes that this legislation is long overdue since RA 7360 was enacted twenty-five (25) years ago when the population of Orani was significantly lower. Coincidentally, the hospital has just marked its 45th anniversary.

Likewise, this bill seeks, in part, to pay homage and tribute to an exemplary native of Orani, the late Hon. Antonino "Tony" P. Roman, by naming the hospital after him. A public servant through and through, the late legislator was instrumental in bringing about meaningful change in Bataan and even in Philippines as a whole in his untarnished public service spanning from 1978 to 2012. Hon. Antonino "Tony" P. Roman was a staunch advocate of public health which rightly justifies that he be immortalized by the memorial hospital in which he himself was instrumental in transforming to what it is today.

With the underlying historical significance of this bill coupled with the declared state policy to promote the right to health of the Filipinos, it is imperative that this bill be enacted without delay.


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the ‘Antonino “Tony” P. Roman Memorial Hospital Act.’

SEC. 2. The Orani District Hospital in the Province of Bataan is hereby upgraded into a Level II General Hospital with bed capacity of two hundred (200) beds.

SEC. 3. The Orani District Hospital shall hereafter be named as ‘Antonino “Tony” P. Roman Memorial Hospital’.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of additional personnel, medical equipment and facilities, and the construction of needed infrastructure shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations and thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operations shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,