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HOUSE BILL NO. 6713



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The primary purpose of this bill is to convert the Lanao del Norte Provincial Hospital, situated in the Municipality of Baroy, Lanao del Norte into a modern and fully-equipped 300-bed capacity tertiary health provider to be known as the Lanao del Norte Regional Medical Center (LDNPMC) and to upgrade its existing facilities to cater to the needs of the people of Lanao del Norte and the Northern Mindanao Region.

The envisioned Regional Medical Center will be an overhaul improvement to the existing Provincial Hospital in Lanao del Norte. The facilities and equipment in the present set-up is not enough to address the medical concerns of the people, especially those with advanced medical conditions. The patients will most likely travel to the nearest tertiary hospital in the adjacent provinces, which undoubtedly adds extra burden to them in terms of additional expenses.

Advancement in the field of medicine and health services should also be available to the people of Lanao del Norte and Region X, and this measure seeks the realization of bringing modern and advanced health services closer to the people.

Ultimately, the increase in bed capacity of the said hospital will likewise be very beneficial to our people, as the present capacity is frequently overbooked due to the influx of patients during times of crisis.

In view of the foregoing, the prompt approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.


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11 AN ACT

12 CONVERTING THE LANAOS DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, LOCATED
13 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY, LANAOS DEL NORTE INTO A REGIONAL
14 MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANAOS DEL NORTE REGIONAL
15 MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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21 SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “The Lanaos del Norte Regional
22 Medical Center Act”.

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24 SECTION 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
25 promote the right to health, instill health consciousness among the people and advance the
26 integrated and comprehensive approach to research and development of health services.

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28 SECTION 3. **Conversion into a Regional Medical Center.** – The Lanaos del Norte
29 Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Baroy, Province of Lanaos del Norte is hereby
30 converted into Regional Medical Center to be known as the Lanaos del Norte Regional Medical
31 Center, hereinafter referred to as the LDNRMC, and shall be under the supervision of the
32 Department of Health (DOH).

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34 For this purpose, the bed capacity of the LDNRMC is hereby increased from one
35 hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented
36 for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

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38 SECTION 4. **Objectives.** – The LDNRMC shall pursue the following objectives:

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40 (a) To provide the Filipino people, particularly in the Province of Lanaos del Norte, with
41 a more affordable, quality and timely hospital care through a more efficient health
42 service delivery system that prioritizes the needs of the underprivileged, sick,
43 elderly, disabled, women and children, and when resources are available, provide
44 free medical care to indigent citizens;
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46 (b) To develop the LDNRMC into a world class tertiary healthcare provider that utilizes
47 modern and advanced medical technologies;
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49 (c) To promote, encourage, and engage in scientific research in the prevention of
50 diseases, and the care and treatment of patients and related activities, including

scholarship and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars, and conferences;

(d) To participate in technical cooperation program in coordination with the DOH RITM and other research institutes in the conduct of research activities in the diagnosis, control and prevention of tropical diseases;

(e) To encourage and undertake the training of physicians, nurses, medical technicians, health officers, social workers, and other health professionals on the practical and scientific conduct and implementation of health and medical services, and related activities; and

(f) To extend other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and rules of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

SECTION 5. Upgrade of Facilities and Services. – The hospital facilities and services of the LDNRMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided in Section 3 of this Act, and to be consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a medical center.

The LDNRMC shall submit to the DOH its proposed hospital development plan which includes the future expansion of its scope of services as a specialty hospital that specializes in a particular disease or condition, or in one type of patient.

SECTION 6. Medical Center Chief. – The Hospital shall be headed by a Medical Center Chief, who is a licensed physician and with experience in hospital administration and management for at least five (5) years. The Medical Center Chief shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health.

SECTION 7. Functions of the Medical Center Chief. – The Medical Center Chief shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Overall management and administration of the LDNRMC; and

(b) Formulation of policies, plans, programs, strategies, and its implementation to ensure the provision of high quality health care and high standards of clinical training for medical and allied medical personnel.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, the incumbent Chief of Hospital of the Lanao del Norte Provincial Hospital, if qualified, shall assume the position of Medical Center Chief of the LDNRMC in an acting capacity until such time that a duly qualified successor has been appointed.

SECTION 8. Medical and Service Personnel. – The number of medical and service personnel, maintenance and other operating expenses of the LDNRMC shall correspondingly be increased to conform with the provision in Section 3 of this Act. The Medical Center Chief of the LDNRMC, in coordination with the DOH, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

101 SECTION 9. *Assistance from Other Government Offices.* – The LDNRMC may call
102 upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including
103 government-owned and controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the
104 pursuit of its objectives.

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106 All individuals, entities, and institutions are hereby enjoined to render full assistance
107 and cooperation to the LDNRMC in the accomplishment of its objectives and activities.

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109 SECTION 10. *Tax Exemption.* – Any donation or bequest made to the LDNRMC shall
110 be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the
111 gross income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue
112 Code of 1997, as amended: *Provided*, That such donation shall not be disposed of, transferred
113 or sold.

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115 SECTION 11. *Auditor.* – The Commission on Audit shall appoint a representative who
116 shall be the auditor of the LDNRMC and such personnel as may be necessary to assist said
117 representative in the performance of his duty.

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119 SECTION 12. *Reports.* – The Medical Center Chief of the LDNRMC shall, within
120 three (3) months after the end of every fiscal year, submit periodic reports to the DOH as may
121 be required.

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123 SECTION 13. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation
124 of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DOH. Thereafter,
125 such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included
126 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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128 SECTION 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – Within ninety (90) days
129 from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of
130 the DBM, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of
131 this Act.

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133 SECTION 15. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held
134 unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be
135 in full force and effect.

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137 SECTION 16. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and
138 regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
139 or modified accordingly.

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141 SECTION 17. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
142 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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144 *Approved,*