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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Health is among the basic capabilities that gives value to human life. The wealth of any nation can be measured by the health status of its citizens. The World Bank (2005) reported that fifty percent of economic growth differentials between developed and developing nations are attributed to ill-health and low life expectancy.

Recognizing the importance of health to the development of the country, Section 15 of Article II of our Constitution provides that: "*The State shall protect and advance the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them*". Furthermore our fundamental law also mandates for the adoption of an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development (Art XII, Sec 11).

To achieve the constitutional mandate of protection and promotion of health care for all, health facilities and services must readily be accessible to the people at an affordable cost. Sadly, such is not the case in one of the municipalities in the first congressional district of Quezon province.

Lucban, Quezon is a second class municipality in the 1st district of Quezon. It lies at the foot of Mount Banahaw with a population of 51,475 people according to 2015 census.

A study conducted in 2017 revealed that Lucban is needing a comprehensive health care for older adult including health promotion, wellness strategies, and long term care as these are among the basic needs identified in the said study. Although there is a municipal health clinic and a private hospital existing in the area, the services offered are limited and most of emergency care services are non-existent. In cases that urgent care is needed, the patient has to be transported to the nearby municipality or to the capital City of Lucena which is about forty-five (45) minutes land travel. Establishment of a district hospital would ensure that the people of Lucban would have immediate access to good and quality health care.

With the end view of making essential health services available to the people of Lucban, Quezon, and consistent with our government's program to improve and deliver access to health care, support for the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUCBAN,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Municipal Government of Lucban, a fifty (50)-bed capacity district hospital in the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon to be known as Lucban District Hospital;

SEC. 2. Pursuant to Section 17, paragraph (f) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Lucban District Hospital shall receive from the national government such amount to provide or augment its basic health services and facilities for a period of five (5) years until such time that it shall have been established to meet the requirements of its inhabitants;

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the national government's assistance for the operationalization of the Lucban District Hospital, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act;

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED,