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House Bill No. **7358**



Introduced by HONORABLE SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As stated in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the prime duty of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is also its solemn mandate to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

Health is and should be the most important concern of every society. It is the primary moving factor which enables every human being to participate in society. Without it, society would be dull and unproductive.

As part of the State's policies on health, the government has established numerous public hospitals across the country in order to serve the needs of the people, especially the marginalized. However, not all areas have experienced the government's healthcare service.

The people of Dimasalang, Province of Masbate has been suffering from the lack of readily accessible health care. As it stands now, the Municipality of Dimasalang only has the Dimasalang Rural Health Unit that caters to the health care needs of the people. Although there are hospitals in the adjoining municipalities, there is still a dire need for Dimasalang to have a hospital of its own in order to spare its citizens from spending too much time and resources in travelling to and from those hospitals.

As a solution to this predicament, it is essential that the State takes a proactive step by establishing a hospital in Dimasalang.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN
DIMASALANG, MASBATE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as "Dimasalang District Hospital Act."

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is also the policy of the State to maintain honesty and integrity in the public service.

Sec. 3. It is hereby established in the Municipality of Dimasalang, Masbate a hospital to be known as the Dimasalang District Hospital.

Sec. 4. The Dimasalang District Hospital shall be under the full administrative supervision, control and management of the Department of Health.

Sec. 5. *Government contributions.* The amount of one billion pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated as contribution of the National Government for the initial operations and maintenance of the Dimasalang District Hospital. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its operations and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Health shall have the power to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the objectives and purposes of this Act within one (1) year from the approval hereof.

Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.