

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9168



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE HUNDRED (500)-BED CAPACITY
REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
LUCENA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is an enshrined principle in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies of the 1987 Philippine Constitution that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.¹ Moreover, it provides 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 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.²

In that respect, government hospitals have been created and maintained in order to deliver the government mandate of promoting health and adequately provide healthcare to all Filipinos.

Regional hospitals serve a larger area, provide a broad range of healthcare and sometimes serve specific needs that a provincial and municipal hospital cannot provide. In contrast with other regions of the Philippines which have more than one regional hospital, Region 4A (CALABARZON) is the lone political subdivision with a single regional hospital which is Batangas Medical Center with five hundred (500) beds. It caters the medical needs of five (5) provinces, namely: Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, and one highly urbanized city, Lucena.³ The region is the most populous region in the Philippines, having 14,414,774 inhabitants in 2015.⁴

Furthermore, establishing a Regional Training and Teaching Hospital in Lucena City, a strategic location in the western area of CALABARZON would provide more accessible health services and training facilities for medical practitioners in nearby provinces especially for far flung towns of Quezon Province considering that Lucena City is 84.2 kilometers and the southernmost town of Quezon is 269 kilometers away from Batangas, respectively.

¹Section 15, Article II, 1987 Philippine Constitution

²Section 11, Article XIII, 1987 Philippine Constitution

³<https://www.doh.gov.ph/doh-hospitals-directory> retrieved March 11, 2019

⁴<https://psa.gov.ph/statistics/census/2015-census-of-population> retrieved. March 11, 2019

In view thereof, it is imperative that another regional training and teaching hospital which is more responsive and comprehensive be established to decongest patient overpopulation in Batangas Medical Center and nearby hospitals to address the immediate medical needs of the people not only in Quezon province but in the entire CALABARZON area.

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


ANGELINA "HELEN" D.L. TAN, M.D.
4th District, Quezon

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

9168

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE HUNDRED (500)-BED CAPACITY
REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
LUCENA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SEC. 1. There shall be established a five hundred (500) bed capacity regional training and teaching hospital in the City of Lucena, Province of Quezon, in accordance with the standards of the Department of Health to be known as Quezon Regional Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act within sixty (60) days from effectivity.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged against the succeeding year's appropriation of the DOH and thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operations shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,