

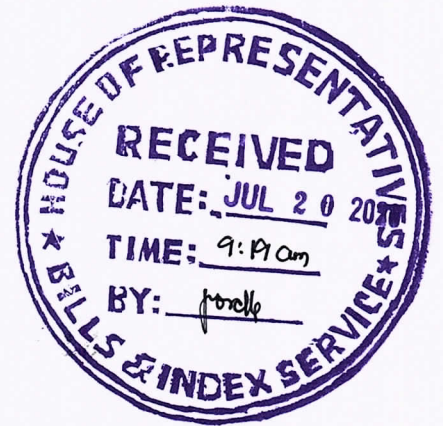


Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. 7122



Introduced by Representative Jose Enrique S. Garcia III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Among the policies enunciated by the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act is the adoption of a health care model that provides all Filipinos access to a comprehensive set of quality and cost-effective, promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services without causing financial hardship, and prioritizes the needs of the population who cannot afford such services.¹ Within this framework, the UHC seeks to ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk.² To realize this objective, it is essential that the desirable ratio of hospital beds to population be at least approximated.

Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2006-004 recommends a ratio of at least one (1) hospital bed for every 1,000 population. At present, there is no hospital in the Municipality of Limay. The nearest general hospital is the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center located in Balanga City which, hampered by limited resources and facilities, is currently operating with an actual capacity of only 260 beds. While a 100-bed general ward was recently added to the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital by Republic Act 11288 approved on 12 April 2019, the addition as well as the programmed implementation of five years may not even be adequate to address the growing health care and medical needs of the more than 130,000 population of the Municipality Mariveles.

Limay is an industrial growth area and presently hosts major industries such as the Petron Bataan Refinery, Planters Products, Inc., Columbian Carbon Philippines, Philippine Explosives, National Power Corporation, Asea Brown Boveri, Limay Bulk Handling Terminal and the Limay Grinding Mills. It is also the site of the Government Arsenal where a proposed Special Defense Economic Zone will be established.

With the rapidly growing population of more than 70,000 substantially increased by workers of the abovementioned industries coming from all over the country, the urgent need for a medical facility within the municipality cannot be overemphasized. The proposed district hospital will provide quality and affordable medical and health care needs not only for the residents of Limay but also those of nearby municipalities.

Support for this bill is therefore earnestly sought from my colleagues.

REP. JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FIFTY-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE LIMAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department
2 of Health, a fifty-bed capacity district hospital in the Municipality of Limay, Province of
3 Bataan, to be known as the Limay District Hospital.
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5 **SEC. 2.** The amount necessary for the establishment, operation and maintenance
6 of the hospital shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the
7 enactment of this Act into law and every year thereafter.
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9 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Health, in consultation and coordination with the local
10 government officials concerned, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for
11 the effective implementation of this Act.
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13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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16 ***Approved.***