

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 7123



Introduced by Hon. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State is mandated to protect, provide and promote the health of the Filipino people and to ensure that every person is given quality health care. It is enshrined under Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution 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.'

The Kawit Kalayaan Hospital, located in the Municipality of Kawit, is currently sitting as a Level 1 District Hospital with a bed capacity of twenty-five (25). There is a dire need to upgrade this Level 1 District Hospital into a Level 2 District Hospital due to an increase in the medical needs and demands of the people of the 1st District of Cavite and its neighboring municipalities.

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) to meet the health needs and growing population in Cavite and to provide quality, affordable and accessible health care services, especially the marginalized sector in the community. As there are families who are financially constrained to travel and transfer to a neighboring municipality or to a bigger hospital whenever the facility is unable to accept further admission, it will be costly and difficult for them to be given immediate medical response. It is imperative to address the growing public health challenges to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Cavite. We must deeply recognize the seriousness of the State in providing every Filipino with an efficient and convenient delivery of medical services.

This is the most opportune time to upgrade and convert the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital due to the ongoing pandemic and to conform with the policy of the State in providing quality health care services.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE KAWIT KALAYAAN HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT INTO A LEVEL II DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED
(100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Kawit Kalayaan Hospital in the Municipality of Kawit, Cavite is hereby
2 upgraded into a Level II District Hospital, under the direct supervision and control of the
3 Department of Health (DOH).
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5 The authorized bed capacity of the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital is hereby increased from
6 twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.
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8 The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall implement the increase in bed
9 capacity of the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital within a period of one (1) year from the approval
10 of this Act.

11 **SECTION 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the
12 Kawit Kalayaan Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to
13 the increase in bed capacity. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly
14 increased.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
16 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
17 annual General Appropriations Act.

18 **SECTION 4.** Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the DOH shall
19 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this
20 Act.
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22 **SECTION 5.** All laws, decrees, executive orders and other presidential issuances which
23 are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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25 **SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*

26 *Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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28 Approved.