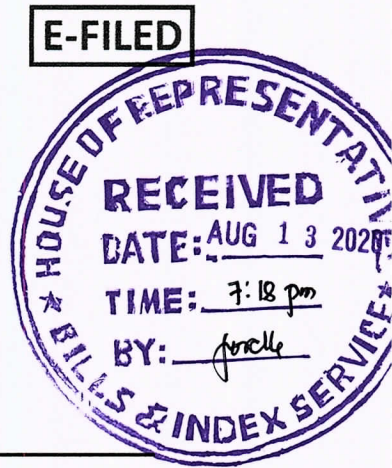


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Sec. 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." This is further bolstered by Art. XIII, Sec. 11 which provides in part 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 people at affordable cost." Moreover, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), to which the Philippines is a member, the right to health includes access to timely acceptable, and affordable health care of appropriate quality.

In line with these provisions, this bill seeks to convert the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital in the city of Maasin, Southern Leyte into a Tertiary Hospital - Level III to be known as the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, under the full administrative and technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health.

Moreover, this bill seeks to increase the overall bed capacity of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds.

Furthermore, the existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center are hereby upgraded and increased to conform and commensurate with the increase in its bed capacity, consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a Tertiary Level III Hospital.

The increase in bed capacity, upgrade of its facilities and a workforce commensurate to the increase would provide a more effective and efficient delivery of medical services and healthcare to the people of Southern Leyte. Hence the passage of this bill is of utmost importance to guarantee health for all and uplift the quality of life and well-being of the people in Southern Leyte.

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



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF MAASIN, SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL III HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, PLACING THE CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall give adequate, accessible and affordable primary, secondary and tertiary health services to all the citizens.

Section 2. *Statement of Objectives.* – The objectives of this Act are:

- (1) To upgrade the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital into a Tertiary Level III Hospital;
- (2) To provide easy, affordable and timely access to tertiary health care for the people of the province of Southern Leyte, especially the underprivileged, the poor, disabled, women and children, and as resources would allow, free medical care to indigent citizens;
- (3) To provide teaching, training and research facilities for students in medicine, nursing, therapy, x-ray technology and other allied health profession in the province of Southern Leyte through the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center;
- (4) To promote, encourage and engage in scientific research in the prevention of diseases and the care and treatment of patients and related activities, including the grant of scholarships and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars and conferences; and
- (5) To provide other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and rules of the Universal Health Care Act.

Section 3. *Conversion.* - The Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital in the city of Maasin, Southern Leyte is hereby convened into a Tertiary Hospital - Level III to be known as the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center,

under the full administrative and technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health.

For this purpose, the bed capacity of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center shall be increased from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented for a period of not more than five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 4. *Upgrade of Facilities and Services.* - The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with its objective under Section 2 hereof and shall be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 3 hereof, consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a Tertiary Hospital - Level II.

The upgrade shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the purchase or acquisition of land, the construction of additional hospital infrastructure, which will house hospital areas, rooms, wards and laboratory units, necessary to upgrade the efficient delivery of the hospital healthcare services.

Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of Health shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act. Provided that, the plantilla employees of Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center which include physicians, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased correspondingly commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity. The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management, Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission and the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

Section 6. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The provincial government of Southern Leyte shall continue to provide the same level of financial assistance to the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center until such time that the national government shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital, its operating expenses and personnel compensation in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, decrees, rules, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,