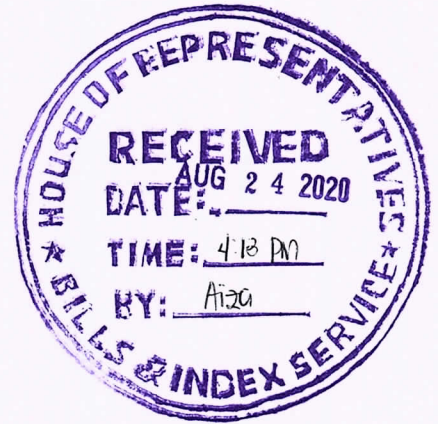


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7471



Introduced by the **Honorable ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 8th District of Cavite is composed of the City of Tagaytay and the Municipalities of Alfonso, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic, and Ternate. Based on the 2015 Census, it has a population of 371,827. Despite its large population, there is still no district hospital in the 8th District of Cavite and its neighboring districts.

The Constitution declared that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all.

During the January 2020 Taal Volcano Eruption and currently, the COVID-19 Pandemic, the need for a large medical facility in the 8th District of Cavite became imminent. A lot of people from the 8th District of Cavite and nearby areas needed health and medical attention. It should be highlighted that evacuees from the January 2020 Taal Volcano Eruption and persons under investigation because of COVID-19 were brought to Tagaytay City.

As such, this representation is proposing for the immediate passage of a law creating a district hospital to be located in Tagaytay City, and to be known as the Isaac Tolentino Memorial District Hospital (ITMDH). The district hospital is named after former Mayor Isaac Tolentino, the longest uninterrupted local chief executive of Tagaytay City for 27 years. Part of Mayor Isaac Tolentino's vision and legacy is making the city open and available for all. The creation of the ITMDH is in furtherance of this vision, and in consonance with the current direction of the city to be the urban hub in the 8th District of Cavite.

The creation of the ITMDH is necessary to cater with the need for hospital beds in the 8th District of Cavite. Based on the recommendations of the Department of Health (DOH) and World Health Organization (WHO), there should be at least one (1) hospital bed for every one thousand (1,000) population. Though there are already private and public hospitals, the criteria set by the DOH and WHO for hospital beds are far from being met in the 8th District of Cavite.

The ITMDH will be a 250-bed general hospital and will be located in a lot donated by the government of the City of Tagaytay. The ITMDH will be very accessible to people of the 8th District of Cavite because the City of Tagaytay is the business hub in the 8th District.

Aside from being a general hospital, the ITMDH shall also be used to train medical and health volunteers, who will be tapped during calamities, disasters, pandemics, or other catastrophic occurrences.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CREATING THE ISAAC TOLENTINO MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL
IN THE 8TH DISTRICT OF CAVITE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. — This Act shall be known as the "*The Isaac Tolentino Memorial District Hospital Act.*"

SECTION 2. Creation of the Isaac Tolentino Memorial District Hospital. — The "Isaac Tolentino Memorial District Hospital or the ITMDH" is hereby created. The ITMDH shall be located in City of Tagaytay, in a land donated by the local government unit.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Purposes. — The primary purpose of ITMDH shall be to have a world-class and updated general hospital that will give in-patient and out-patient medical care, primarily for residents of the 8th District of Cavite, and secondarily to residents of neighboring jurisdictions and other Filipinos. The secondary purpose of the ITMDH is to provide world-class and updated medical and health training to would-be volunteers or personnel that will be activated during times of calamities, disasters, pandemics, or other catastrophic occurrences.

SECTION 4. Statement of Objectives. — The ITMDH shall have the following objectives for the attainment of its purposes and for the benefit of its intended patients:

- a) To provide affordable or free world-class and world-class medical and health care to its intended patients.



b) To give these patients easy access to world-class and updated hospital facilities and hospital care, especially the poor and indigent.

c) To give updated and world-class training to would-be volunteers or personnel for calamities, disasters, pandemics, or other catastrophic occurrences.

SECTION 5. *ITMDH Bed Capacity.* – The ITMDH shall be a general hospital with a bed capacity of Two Hundred Fifty (250).

SECTION 6. *Supervision by DOH.* – The ITMDH shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Health.

SECTION 7. *Hospital Board.* — The ITMDH shall be administered by a Board of Trustees composed of seven (7) members. The following members shall serve *ex officio*.

(a) The Mayor of the City of Tagaytay, who shall act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees;

(b) The Appointed President of ITMDH;

(c) The Regional Director of the Department of Health;

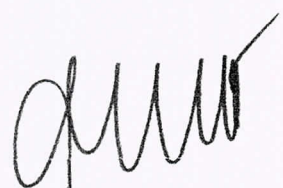
(d) The City Administrator of the City of Tagaytay;

(e) The Governor of the Province of Cavite;

(f) Two (2) representatives from the private sector who are residents of the 8th District of Cavite, to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Tagaytay. The term of the representatives from the private sector shall be three (3) years.

A majority of the seven (7) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Any decision of the majority on matters duly presented to the Board of Trustees shall constitute a valid and binding act of the ITMDH.

The members of the Board of Trustees, except the President, shall serve without compensation and allowances for the entire duration of their terms. However, each member of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to per diem for every board meeting actually attended. The Board of Trustees shall fix the amount of *per diem* to its members may be entitled to, subject to the pertinent budgetary laws, rules and regulations on compensation, honoraria and allowances.



SECTION 8. Powers of the Hospital Board. — Pursuant to the purposes and objectives of the ITMDH, the Board of Trustees, shall have all the following powers and is authorized to act as follows:

(a) Adopt a set of By-Laws to act as its guide in the management of affairs of the ITMDH. The By-Laws or any amendment to it shall be approved by the Secretary of Health.

(b) Create a Management Committee, which will handle the day-to-day operations of the ITMDH. The Management Committee shall be headed by the Hospital President and the other members shall be medical professionals, who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees from the personnel of the ITMDH.

(c) Propose, prepare, approve, amend or revise the organizational structure of the hospital, both medical and administrative, subject to existing laws and regulations on the matter and consonant with the existing civil service laws and sound hospital management.

(d) Approve the annual budget prepared by the Management Committee and submit the same to the Congress of the Philippines.

(e) Consider and approve appointments and promotions of all personnel of the ITMDH, upon the recommendation of the Hospital President.

(f) Acquire, hold and own in any manner, property of whatever nature or description, and to dispose of such property under any mode of encumbrance or conveyance.

(f) Enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind and for any lawful purpose with any person, firm, association or corporation, whether public or private, domestic or foreign.

(g) Mortgage, lease, sell, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of its properties.

(h) Solicit and receive donations, endowments and funds in the form of contributions, whether in cash or in kind, from both the public and private sectors and from domestic or foreign sources.

(i) Open such accounts in banks and other financial institutions, and to disburse such funds or invest the same as the Board of Trustees may direct to accomplish or advance the purposes and objectives of the ITMDH.

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(j) Invite foreign or local health specialists and similar experts in the various medical fields to train the personnel, trainees, volunteers, or residents of the 8th District of Cavite.

(k) Send the personnel of the ITMDH to research institutes, medical institutes or universities for advance training or observation and to attend international or regional conventions, conferences, congresses or seminars as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes and objectives of the ITMDH.

(l) Enter into such agreements and arrangements with other medical or similar institutions, domestic or foreign, that will promote the purposes and objectives of the ITMDH.

(m) Adopt such other policies, acts, and matters, necessary for or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes and objectives of the ITMDH.

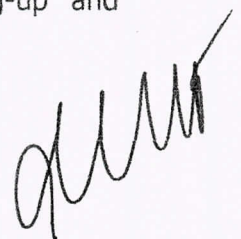
SECTION 9. *Hospital President.* — The Chief of Hospital shall be the Hospital President of the ITMDH, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation from the Board of Trustees. The Hospital President must be a medical doctor.

The first Hospital President shall serve for a term of six (6) years, unless sooner removed for cause, resigns, dies or is incapacitated. The succeeding Hospital Presidents shall serve for a term of three (3) years, unless sooner removed for cause, resigns, dies or is incapacitated. A medical doctor may only be appointed to three (3) terms as a Hospital President of ITMDH.

The Hospital President shall receive regular salaries, allowances and other emoluments, as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. He shall, among others, recommend the appointment, removal and compensation structure of the personnel thereof, for the approval of the Board of Trustees. He shall also exercise such other powers and functions as provided in the By-Laws, and other rules and regulations, as adopted by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 10. *Setting-Up the ITMDH.* — Upon the passage of this law, the Board of Trustees shall immediately be activated and shall work proactively in setting-up the hospital, including its construction and the appointment of necessary personnel and the bids and awards committee. The DOH shall assign an Undersecretary to directly supervise the setting-up of ITMDH. The Board of Trustees may engage the services of health, medical, legal, and construction consultants during the setting-up period of the ITMDH.

SECTION 11. *Appropriation.* — Two Billion and Five Hundred Seventy Five Million Pesos (P2,575,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the prompt setting-up and

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construction of the ITMDH. Due to the immediate need to set-up and construct the ITMDH, said fund shall be downloaded to the City of Tagaytay.

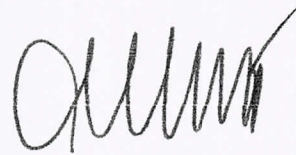
SECTION 12. *Resident Auditor.* — The Commission on Audit shall assign a resident auditor in the ITMDH.

SECTION 13. *Oversight Committees.* — For the first six (6) years of the ITMDH, there shall be Oversight Committees from both the Senate and House of Representatives, which shall monitor the fulfillment of the purposes and objectives of the hospital.

SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations, executive or administrative orders, and other presidential issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. *Separability Clause.* — If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to have force and effect.

SECTION 16. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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