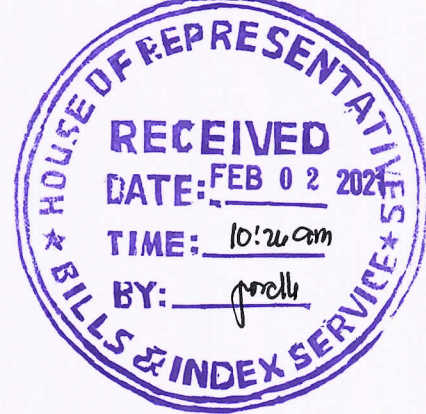


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8601



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the declared policy of the state to ensure that all Filipinos be guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care, goods and services, and be protected against financial risks brought about by medical or health conditions. This is a recognition of the fundamental right of every human being to attain good health.

Iloilo City is home to seven (7) hospitals including Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC) and the West Visayas State University Medical Center (WVSUMC), which serve the people of the entire Panay and Guimaras Islands being tertiary public hospitals.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, these government-run hospitals exceed their respective capacities as patients from Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo Province seek medical care from specialists. The pandemic has added to the stress that these medical centers were already faced with.

Being the regional center and with the economic activity expected to recover from the pandemic, Iloilo City needs to plan ahead for its more than 500,000 residents and transient population, particularly the marginalized who depend on the public health system for their health care and medical needs.

To the mind of the Iloilo City Government led by Mayor Jerry Treñas and this representation, it is imperative to plan ahead, thus the establishment of the Uswag Iloilo City Hospital is hereby submitted.

The passage of this bill will maximize funding from the national government and will strengthen public health security of the people of Iloilo City.

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**“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE USWAG ILOILO CITY HOSPITAL IN THE CITY
OF ILOILO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE USWAG ILOILO
HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

Section 1. There shall be established a tertiary general hospital in the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo to be known as the Uswag Iloilo City Hospital (UICH).

Section 2. The City Government of Iloilo shall provide funding for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the UICH.

Section 3. The Chief of Hospital of the UICH shall submit to the Department of Health (DOH) a development plan to reflect the developmental goals of the hospital. The medical personnel, capital outlays, and budgetary needs for the operation of the UICH shall be based on the hospital development plan.

Section 4. The Secretary of Department of Health (DOH) shall include in the Department's subsidy program, its support for the capital outlays of the hospital.

Section 5. The Secretary of Health, in consultation and coordination with local government officials concerned, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,