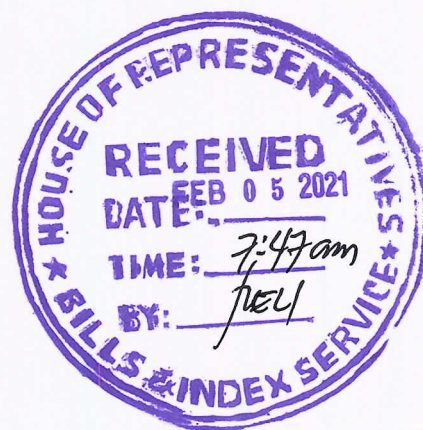


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8633



Introduced by **Hon. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo**

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL IN ALL
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITH MEDICAL PROGRAMS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the central problems in the healthcare system of the country continues to be the shortage of medical facilities and practitioners catering to the number of people in need of medical care. In a study done by the University of the Philippines- Center for Integrative and Development Studies, “Eliminating the deficit in medical doctors: Strategies and Costs,” it is stated that the existing deficiency in the number of practicing medical practitioners results to the adverse health outcomes in the country. This was significantly highlighted during the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic that truly challenged the nation’s capacity to respond to public health emergencies.

The purpose of this bill is to create hospitals in state universities and colleges to strengthen the country’s proficiency in responding to the general public’s healthcare needs, and aid in ensuring the efficient and full implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act. With the enactment of UHC Act, auxiliary policies such as this measure will further help guarantee its effective implementation and assist in providing a longterm solution to the demand of additional medical facilities and practitioners in the country.

In addition, this will enhance the medical programs in state universities and colleges, through the provision of accessible and sufficient training grounds for medical students, and consequently guarantee the production of additional medical experts leading to a more effective health system.

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


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

SECTION 1 Short Title- This Act shall also be known as the “Healthcare Development Act of 2021.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy- It is hereby declared the policy of the state to ensure the medical needs of its citizens and make healthcare accessible to everyone. Further, it shall continuously protect the right of all students to quality education through the provision of proper platforms to hone their skills and become competent and productive members of the community.

SECTION 3. Coverage- All state universities and colleges offering medical courses are hereby covered by this Act.

SECTION 4. Establishment of Hospitals in State Universities and Colleges-
There is hereby established a hospital in all state universities and colleges (SUCs) offering medical courses in the country. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, and the University and College Administration, shall facilitate the planning and categorizing of the hospital depending on the capacity of the university or college.

The operations and overall hospital management shall be undertaken by the SUCs concerned, in direct supervision of DOH. A representative from DOH shall also be part of the Board of Directors to ensure that all hospitals comply with the requirements and standards set by the department. Further, the SUCs shall also be responsible for the hiring of medical personnel and administrative and technical support staff, and all earnings of the hospital shall be under their care for the maintenance of the hospital and its programs and services.

SECTION 5. Research and Medical Studies- All hospitals established under this Act shall also serve as a research institution that conducts research on an ongoing basis to advance the medical competence of the country.

SECTION 6. Construction of Hospitals- The construction of all hospitals shall be done after a year of planning and shall be built within five years upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. Appropriations- The amount necessary to implement this act shall be included in the annual appropriation of all state universities and colleges covered by this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,