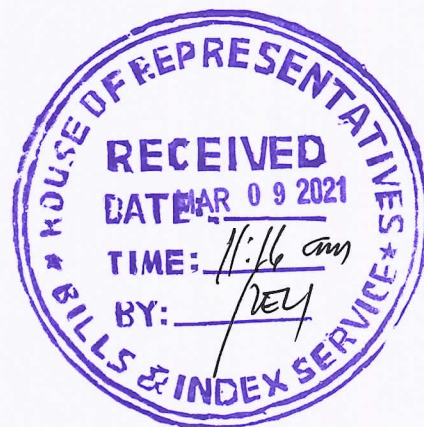


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House Bill No. 8946



Introduced by Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of all Filipinos and instill health consciousness among them. As such, it is incumbent upon the government to ensure efficient and effective delivery of health and medical services through, among others, well-equipped government hospitals.

The recent pandemic has made us realize the fragility and the importance of the Filipino's health and well-being. And that the best response to any disastrous event is preparation and coordinated action.

As the pandemic continually ravages the country, Covid-19 cases in Cebu City remain on the rise. This has caused a major disruption in the delivery of services of the city's healthcare systems not only in addressing the pandemic situation but has also affected medical responses to other equally or far more life-threatening diseases.

The Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) has been the go-to national government hospital in Cebu City, but it is currently at the limits of its capacity, not only with the burgeoning population of the city, but also those of surrounding provinces. Converting the Cebu City Medical Center (CCMC) into a national hospital, is the most practical approach towards augmenting VSMMC's capacity and ensuring that all patients have access to any medical attention they may require.

This bill seeks to do exactly that, to convert the CCMC into a national hospital, funded and run by the Department of Health (DOH), the foremost experts in the country's disease control and prevention. This will guaranty that CCMC's programs and services will continue to run smoothly and will always be available to residents of the city.

It is my fervent belief that transferring control of said hospital to the DOH, would prove most beneficial not only to my fellow Cebuanos, but to residents of nearby provinces as well.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodrigo A. Abellanos', enclosed within a circular stamp or seal.

RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

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**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CEBU CITY MEDICAL CENTER
IN THE CITY OF CEBU, INTO A NATIONAL HOSPITAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Cebu City Medical Center in the City of Cebu is hereby converted into a national hospital.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act, and thereafter, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,