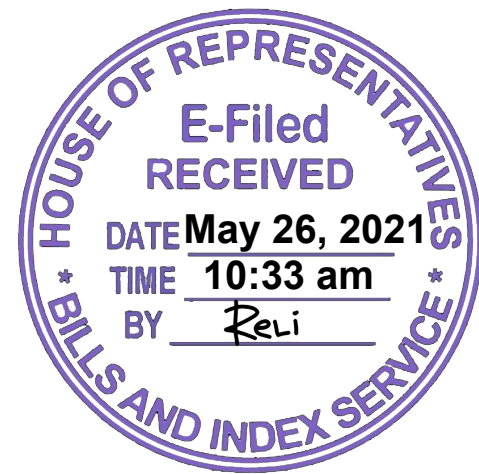


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9472



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH) started with an eight (8) bed capacity when it opened in 1929 as the Bohol Provincial Hospital. To accommodate the increasing number of patients in Tagbilaran City and neighboring municipalities, the bed capacity was increased one hundred fifty (150) in 1980 then to two hundred (200) 1992. Under Republic Act No. 7266, the bed capacity was increased to two hundred and twenty five (225) and finally to five hundred twenty five (525) under Republic Act No. 11324 in 2019.

The health and medical services of GCGMH has accordingly and immensely evolved over the years. From a provider of basic health care, GCGMH is now a level three hospital with specialty centers and training facilities.

GCGMH is nestled in a 1.10-hectare land in the middle of the business district of Bohol's capital city of Tagbilaran.

Due to the increasing number of patients in Tagbilaran City and nearby municipalities coupled with health as one of the centerpiece agenda of the then provincial administration, a 5-hectare lot in Barangay Malayo, Municipality of Cortes was donated to the Department of Health in 2013, and finalized in 2014, for the purpose of upgrading and modernizing the health services of the province through the GCGMH.

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake in October 2013 further fueled the urgency for the modernization of the GCGMH. Hence, it was identified as one of the priority projects in the Central Visayas Rehabilitation Plan as well as the national Government's reconstruction and recovery efforts for the province.

The proposed modernization project will support the national health policy on Universal Health Program or the *Kalusugang Pangkalahatan* as embodied in the Department of Health Reform Agenda, and the attainment of the health-related Millenium Development Goals. The project will likewise support the Central Visayas regional strategic framework of providing adequate health facilities and resources in areas

that are unserved, underserved and affected by calamities as contained in the Central Visayas Updated Regional Development Plan 2014-2016.

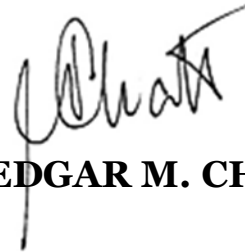
To implement the modernization program and the recent approval of the increased bed capacity, it is hereby proposed that GCGMH be converted to Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex (GCGMMC) which shall be comprised of the Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-specialty Medical Center in the municipality of Cortes.

The multi-specialty center in Cortes is envisioned to house a medical complex that will include modern facilities for critical care, diagnostics, dialysis, operating units, and patient care, among others. It is also envisioned to have an improved center for infectious diseases and tropical medicine as well as the first center in the province dedicated to mental health and behavioral sciences.

Ultimately, the proposed bill aims to greatly improve the medical facilities and services as well as ensure accessibility and affordability of healthcare services in the province. It will also decongest hospitals in nearby provinces especially in Cebu. Finally, it will open opportunities to Boholano professionals in the medical field.

Management, operation, supervision and control of the extension medical facility in Cortes will be under one medical chief to ensure consistency of programs and services.

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

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**“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GCGMH) TO GOVERNOR CELESTINO
GALLARES MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL COMPLEX
(GCGMMC) IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AMENDING
RA11324, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.”**

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

SECTION 1. The Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital in the Province of Bohol, is hereby converted to Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex (GCGMMC).

SEC. 2. The Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex shall be comprised of the Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-specialty Medical Center in the municipality of Cortes, Province of Bohol. It shall have branches in such locations as the GCGMMC may thereafter identify and in accordance with DOH programs and rules.

SEC. 3. The existing services, capability, professional health care services and medical staff complement of the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital is hereby upgraded and increased to correspond with the requirements of the multi-specialty medical complex.

SEC. 4. The increase in the service capability, health care services and bed capacity shall conform to the hospital development plan of the multi-specialty medical complex.

SEC. 5. The Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex shall be under the control and supervision of the Department of Health. The day-to-day operation of the multi-specialty medical complex shall be supervised by a Medical Center Chief with Salary Grade 27.

The Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-specialty Medical Center in the municipality of Cortes shall be supervised by its respective Deputy Medical Chief with Salary Grade 25. The Deputy Medical Chief shall be a medical doctor with masters degree in accordance with civil service rules and regulations for positions of the same level.

SEC. 6. The Department of Health shall determine the staffing pattern as approved by the Department of Budget and Management, appoint the officials and employees of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 6758 otherwise known as the “Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989”.

SEC. 7. Republic Act No. 11324 entitled, “An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH) in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol from Two Hundred Twenty-Five (225) to Five Hundred Twenty- Five (525) Beds and Upgrading its Services and Facilities, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7266, and Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes,” is hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex. The initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the medical center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 9. The Secretary of Health shall be given the authority to determine the increase in bed capacity of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex as the need arises.

SEC. 11. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 12. All acts, presidential decrees, executive orders and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,