

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
3rd Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 10501



Introduced by Hon. Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, “The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

Older persons in the Philippines are referred to as Senior Citizens, any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old as defined by Republic Act No. 9994, An Act granting additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens, further amending Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as “An Act to maximize the contribution of Senior Citizens to nation building, grant benefits and special privileges and for other purposes.

This bill recognizes the integral role of our Senior Citizens in society. Establishing a Geriatric Medical Center in Iloilo City will definitely bring forth improvement in the general well-being of our elders. With the rising percentage of senior citizens, it is important that we provide them with as much support that we can give. This is a measure that shows our love, care and respect for the elderly.

Based on the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jam L. Baronda".

Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda
District Representative
Lone District of Iloilo City

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOILO CITY GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER

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

SECTION 1. The Iloilo City Geriatric Medical Center (IGMC) is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. The sea of IGMC shall be at Iloilo City.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Civil Service Commission, Department of Budget and Management and DOH Regional Health Office VI, shall promulgate the organizational plan and staffing pattern of the said geriatric medical center.

SECTION 4. The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (Php 500,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the establishment, initial operation and maintenance of the PCMC Cebu. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

