



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 10670

Introduced by Honorable Christian S. Unabia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital in Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental into a Level II regional hospital to be known as the Gingoog Regional Medical Center, and to increase its bed capacity from fifty to two hundred fifty beds.

The right to have access to quality health care and facilities has been enshrined in the fundamental law of the land. Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that *“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.”* In addition, Section 11, Article XIII on Social Justice and Human Rights on Health, declares that *“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 the 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.”*

The Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital is strategically located in the center of Gingoog City’s prime business district at the southern area of the province. The hospital is approximately 122 kilometers east of Cagayan de Oro City and 74 kilometers west of Butuan City. It is bounded on the east by the Municipality of Magsaysay, on the west by the Municipality of Medina, and on the south by the Municipality of Claveria. The Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital is the only government hospital in Gingoog City and the core referral hospital of the Gingoog Bay Alliance Inter Local Health Zone.

Currently, the existing higher-level medical and health facilities are in Cagayan de Oro City and Butuan City which are several hours away from Gingoog City. Upgrading the Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital into a Level II regional hospital and increasing its bed capacity from fifty to two hundred fifty beds, will answer the similarly increasing demand for accessible quality health services and higher-level facilities within Gingoog City and the provinces of Bukidnon, Camiguin, and Misamis Oriental, as well as those areas outside Region 10.

The best way to achieve state policies on health care is to enhance the delivery of health services. The upgrading of Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital in Gingoog City into a regional hospital is highly relevant in bringing and delivering essential health care services not only to the people of Misamis Oriental but to every Filipino, especially the poor and marginalized.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. The Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital in Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental is upgraded into a Level II regional hospital to be known as the Gingoog Regional Medical Center which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

The authorized bed capacity of the Gingoog Regional Medical Center is also increased from fifty (50) to two hundred fifty (250) beds.

1 SEC. 2. The existing workforce of the Gingoog Regional Medical Center,
2 including doctors, nurses and support personnel shall be correspondingly
3 increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

4 The DOH shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
5 Management and the Civil Service Commission, and in consultation with the
6 management of the hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to be
7 created and filled up in the workforce of the Gingoog Regional Medical Center.

8 SEC. 3. The chief of the hospital shall develop a hospital development
9 plan to be submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital,
10 consistent with the increase in bed capacity and service capability. The request
11 for the staffing requirements, capital outlay investments and budgetary needs for
12 operations shall be based on the hospital development plan.

13 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's
14 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
15 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

16 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
17 Secretary of Health shall, upon consultation with the Provincial Government of
18 Misamis Oriental and other stakeholders, issue the necessary rules and
19 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

20 SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations
21 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
22 accordingly.

1 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 Approved,

