

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **239**



Introduced by **Representative MARY MITZI CAJAYON-UY**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN CITY MEDICAL CENTER (SOUTH),
FORMERLY PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER, FROM PRIMARY (LEVEL 1) TO TERTIARY (LEVEL
3) HOSPITAL AND TRAINING CENTER UNDER THE FULL
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Caloocan City Medical Center Formerly known as President Diosdado Macapagal Memorial Medical Center into a tertiary hospital and regional training center for doctor, nurses medical technologists, midwives, radiologists, pharmacists, and allied professions which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health and development that shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at all cost".

Furthermore, 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."

Hence, it is the obligation of the State to improve the provision of health care to the populace.

The Caloocan City Medical Center (South) serves the medical and health needs of Caloocan City residents. Converting the hospital to a tertiary hospital will give much-needed access to high-quality health care. Patients would have access to upgraded and efficient facilities that prioritize preventive treatment, reducing the cost of medical examinations and

operations in private hospitals. It will also cut the city's mortality rate and improve the quality of life for its residents.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is urgently sought.



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

SECTION 1. The Caloocan City Medical Center (South) is hereby converted from primary to tertiary hospital and regional training center for doctors, nurses, medical technologists, midwives, radiologists, pharmacists and allied professions under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. *The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Caloocan City Medical Center (South) are hereby upgraded and increased commensurate to the requirements as to functional capacity of a tertiary hospital as mandated by the Department of Health. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.*

SECTION 3. The Caloocan City Government shall continue to provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Caloocan City Medical Center (South) and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services until such time that the DOH shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital and its operating expenses in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Within sixty (60) days, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,