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House Bill No. 627



Introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora

EXPLANATORY NOTE

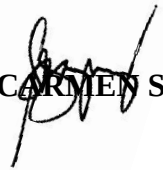
The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for additional health facilities in the first legislative district of Davao de Oro Province. It exposed the sad reality that if our area of representation is ravaged by a health scare such as the most recent, there are no adequate means to effectively and efficiently respond to it, much more cater to the most basic of health needs of patients especially the needy. It is most fortunate that we have been spared of this predicament so far.

This may not be the case in future global health threats, however. It is high time we avoid this prospective trouble by establishing a medical facility capable of answering the health requirements of our constituents not only in the district but those areas adjacent to it.

As it stands, the only government hospital of significance in our area of representation is the Provincial Hospital located in the municipality of Montevista. Not unlike other state-owned facilities operated by the provincial government, it is burdened by an admission rate way beyond its capacity. As it strives mightily to serve residents not only from the district but also those coming from the second legislative district and neighboring provinces, this admission rate is expected to increase exponentially in the coming years. This will certainly put much strain to its very limited capability and impact negatively on the quality of service it can provide.

The establishment of the Monkayo General Hospital will address this problem in the long run, complementing the plan to upgrade the provincial hospital. The municipality of Monkayo is likewise geographically located such that our constituents from other towns could easily access the proposed district hospital to avail of its services.

The passage of this timely bill is most respectfully sought to realize the most urgent basic medical needs of our people.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONKAYO,
DAVAO DE ORO PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MONKAYO GENERAL
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a general hospital in the municipality of Monkayo, Davao de Oro Province, to be known as Monkayo General Hospital.

Any further increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation consistent with the hospital development plan.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,