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HOUSE BILL NO. 1933



Introduced by **Representative Francisco Jose F. Matugas II**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution obligates the State "to 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." The Constitution also emphasizes that priority will be given for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children and that effort must be exerted to provide free medical care to paupers.

Towards this end, and through our efforts, on November 13, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law R.A. 11500 converting the Siargao District Hospital in the Municipality of Dapa, Surigao del Norte into the Siargao Island Medical Center ("SIMC"), a Level 2 hospital envisioned to address the medical needs of the people of Siargao and Bucas Grande islands and its neighboring municipalities.

With the establishment of SIMC, there is now a need to link the other public health and hospital services in the island to the SIMC to ensure seamless delivery of services to our constituents. Thus, this bill seeks to convert the remaining district hospitals and trauma center in Siargao Island as extension hospitals of SIMC. This will ensure sufficient funding to said district hospitals, and accessibility of health services to more residents and visitors in the island.

The immediate passage of this bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE DEL CARMEN DISTRICT
HOSPITAL, PILAR DISTRICT HOSPITAL,
SOCORRO DISTRICT HOSPITAL, STA. MONICA
DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND TRAUMA CENTER IN
GENERAL LUNA, ALL IN SIARGAO ISLAND,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO
EXTENSIONS OF THE SIARGAO ISLAND
MEDICAL CENTER**

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

1 SECTION 1. The following district hospitals and trauma center in
2 Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, are hereby converted to an
3 extension hospital of the Siargao Island Medical Center:

4 a) Del Carmen District Hospital in the Municipality of Del
5 Carmen;

6 b) Pilar District Hospital in the Municipality of Pilar;

7 c) Socorro District Hospital in the Municipality of Socorro;

8 d) Sta. Monica District Hospital in the Municipality of Sta.
9 Monica; and

10 e) Trauma Center in the Municipality of General Luna.

11 The extension hospitals shall be known as: (a) Siargao Island
12 Medical Center Extension Hospital- Del Carmen; (b) Siargao Island

1 Medical Center Extension Hospital – Pilar; (c) Siargao Island Medical
2 Center Extension Hospital – Socorro; (d) Siargao Island Medical Center
3 Extension Hospital- Sta. Monica; and (e) Siargao Island Medical Center
4 Extension Hospital – General Luna, respectively (the “Extension
5 Hospitals”).

6 SEC.2. The Extension Hospitals shall primarily provide preventive,
7 curative, and rehabilitative services to the people of Del Carmen, Pilar,
8 Socorro, Sta. Monica, General Luna, and nearby municipalities of the
9 province of Surigao del Norte.

10 SEC. 3. Ownership, possession, and use of all assets, fixed and
11 movable, and records of the above-mentioned district hospitals and trauma
12 center, as well as their liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to
13 the Extension Hospitals to be formed under this Act.

14 SEC. 4. The Department of Health (DOH) shall determine the
15 staffing pattern of the Extension Hospitals and as approved by the
16 Department of Budget and Management shall be incorporated into the
17 organizational structure and staffing pattern of Siargao Island Medical
18 Center. Subject to existing civil service laws, rules, and regulations, DOH
19 shall appoint the officials and employees of the Extension Hospitals.
20 prescribe their duties and fix their compensation in accordance with the
21 pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the
22 *“Compensation and Position*
23 *Classification Act of 1989”*.

24 SEC. 5. All accounts and expenses of the Extension Hospitals shall
25 be

26 audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

27 SEC. 6. All parcels of land occupied by the district hospitals included
28 in this Act are hereby declared to be properties of Siargao Island Medical
29 Center and shall be titled under that name.

1 SEC. 7. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
2 Department's program the operationalization of the Extension Hospitals.
3 the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's
4 appropriations for the DOH. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the
5 continued operation of the Extension Hospitals shall be included in the
6 annual General Appropriations Act.

7 SEC. 8. The Secretary of Health shall, within ninety (90) days, issue
8 the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
9 this Act.

10 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

12 *Approved,*