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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1716



Introduced by HON. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAY,
PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAGUNA
REGIONAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Bay District Hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Laguna into a general hospital to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital and thereby upgrade its professional health care services and facilities, and commensurately increase the number of its medical personnel and its appropriate funding.

This is a re-filed measure as it was approved by the House of Representatives as House Bill 8955 on March 25, 2021 and transmitted to the Senate on April 12, 2021.

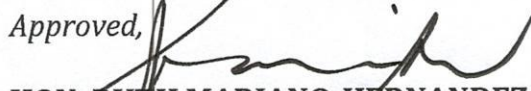
The current Bay District Hospital provides a wide coverage of quality curative and preventive health care. The hospital currently caters to the people of Bay, Los Baños, Calauan, Pila, and Victoria that have a combined population of 368,249 (*Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing*).

Upgrading the said hospital into the Laguna Regional Hospital is crucial to continuing the improvement and improvisation of government's health care services to the people, particularly in the Province of Laguna.

This bill will expand and intensify government's efforts to effectively service the health requirements and needs of our people. This measure shall also save patients' lives as the nearest government tertiary-level hospitals are in Batangas, Cavite and Metro Manila.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is urgently requested.

Approved,


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

SECTION 1. The Bay District Hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Province of Laguna, is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Laguna Regional Hospital and submitted to the DOH.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Laguna Regional Hospital are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the Laguna Regional Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of the Laguna Regional Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,