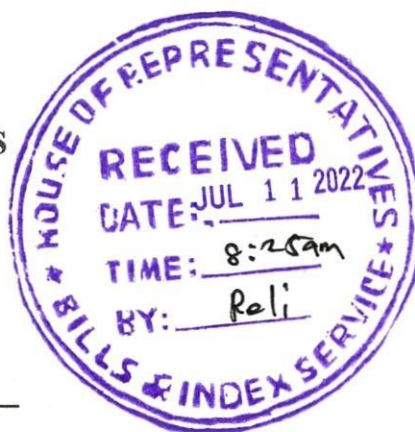


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Looc in the Province of Occidental Mindoro is one of the two municipalities in Lubang Island at the northernmost part of the Province. According to the 2020 census, Lubang Island has a population of more than 25,000. At present, residents obtain their basic healthcare needs from the Lubang Rural Health Unit or at the Lubang District Hospital, both of which lack the necessary facilities and personnel to cater the Island's growing population, especially those in need of critical care. Patients requiring advanced treatment have to be ferried to Batangas or mainland Mindoro which are both approximately four (4) hours away.

The establishment of a Level II Medical Center in the Municipality of Looc in Lubang Island will provide 25,000 residents access to primary and secondary healthcare services such as consultations with specialists in medicine, pediatrics, ob-gyne, and surgery. The hospital will also have emergency and outpatient services, isolation facilities, surgical and maternity facilities, departmental clinical services, general ICU, high risk pregnancy unit, NICO, and dental clinic. Ancillary services such as blood stations, a tertiary clinical laboratory, and 2nd level X-ray will also be provided.

With this Bill, residents of Lubang Island in need of basic, emergency and maintenance healthcare services will no longer need to travel for long hours to receive treatment.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOOC, PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, A LEVEL II HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
LUBANG ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Looc, Province of Occidental Mindoro a Level II Hospital, to be known as the Lubang Island Medical Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. The DOH shall develop a hospital development plan to define the service capacity, developmental goals and targets of the hospital. Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

SECTION 3. The DOH shall consult the local government in the Province of Occidental Mindoro and the Municipality of Looc, and the other stakeholders in determining the site of the hospital.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Health 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.

SECTION 5. 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.

SECTION 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,