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HOUSE BILL NO. 1747



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA

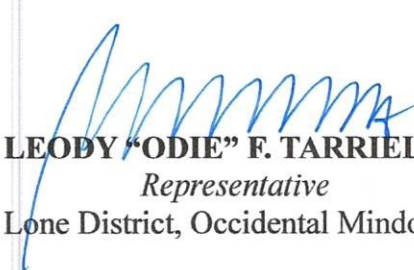
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Sablayan in the Province of Occidental Mindoro has a total land area of 2,188.80 square kilometers, making it the largest municipality in the Philippines. According to the 2020 census, Sablayan has a population of more than 90,000. At present, residents obtain their basic healthcare needs from the municipality's district hospital, a level 1 hospital which lacks the necessary facilities and personnel to cater to the healthcare needs of its growing population, especially those needing critical care. Patients in need of advanced treatment are often brought to hospitals located in other municipalities/provinces which are at least 4-5 hours away.

The establishment of a Tertiary Hospital in the Municipality of Sablayan will provide 90,000 residents access to tertiary 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, dental clinic, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Clinic, and Dialysis Clinic. Ancillary services such as tertiary clinical laboratory with histopathology, blood bank and 3rd level X-ray will also be provided.

With this Bill, residents of Sablayan and other nearby municipalities who are in need of basic, emergency, or maintenance healthcare services will no longer have 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 SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, A TERTIARY HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
SABLAYAN 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 Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro a tertiary hospital, to be known as the Sablayan 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 Sablayan, 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,