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HOUSE BILL NO. 1860



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a refiled legislative measure from the 18th Congress, the primary purpose of this bill is to upgrade the Lanao del Norte Provincial Hospital, situated in the Municipality of Baroy, Lanao del Norte into a modern and fully-equipped 300-bed capacity tertiary health provider to be known as the Lanao del Norte General Hospital (LDNGH) and to upgrade its existing facilities to cater to the needs of the people of Lanao del Norte and the Northern Mindanao Region.

The envisioned General Hospital will be an overhaul improvement to the existing Provincial Hospital in Lanao del Norte. The facilities and equipment in the present set-up is not enough to address the medical concerns of the people, especially those with advanced medical conditions. The patients will most likely travel to the nearest tertiary hospital in the adjacent provinces, which undoubtedly adds extra burden to them in terms of additional expenses.

Advancement in the field of medicine and health services should also be available to the people of Lanao del Norte and Region X, and this measure seeks the realization of bringing modern and advanced health services closer to the people.

Ultimately, the increase in bed capacity of the said hospital will likewise be very beneficial to our people, as the present capacity is frequently overbooked due to the influx of patients during times of crisis.

In view of the foregoing, the prompt approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo".

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12 **AN ACT**

13 **UPGRADING THE LANAOS DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (LDNPH) IN**
14 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY, PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL NORTE INTO A**
15 **TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANAOS DEL NORTE**
16 **GENERAL HOSPITAL (LDNGH), UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND**
17 **CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), AND APPROPRIATING**
18 **FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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23 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as “The Lanaos del Norte General
24 Hospital Act.”

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26 **SECTION 2.** The Lanaos del Norte Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Baroy,
27 Province of Lanaos del Norte is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level General Hospital to be
28 known as the Lanaos del Norte General Hospital (LDNGH), under the direct supervision and
29 control of the Department of Health (DOH).

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31 **SECTION 3.** The authorized bed capacity and service capability of the LDNGH shall
32 be upgraded based on the Hospital Development Plan, which shall reflect the development
33 goals of the Hospital, and shall be consistent with the implementing guidelines of RA 11223,
34 The “Universal Health Care (UHC) Act”, and the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan.

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36 The DOH shall formulate the Hospital Development Plan within one year from the
37 approval of this Act. Request for the staffing requirements, capital outlay investments, and
38 budgetary needs for operations shall be based on the hospital development plan.

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40 **SECTION 4.** The existing workforce of the LDNGH, which includes doctors, nurses,
41 and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of Health shall,
42 in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the
43 Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the LDNGH,
44 determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

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46 **SECTION 5.** The DOH, in consultation with the DBM and the Provincial Government
47 of Lanaos del Norte shall formulate a transition plan for the renationalization of the Lanaos del
48 Norte General Hospital (LDNGH).
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50 **SECTION 6.** The DBM, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government
51 of Lanao del Norte, shall determine the cost of the maintenance, operations and personnel
52 services of the LDNGH; Provided, that during the transition period, the Provincial Government
53 of Lanao del Norte shall continue to support the maintenance, operations, and personnel
54 services of the LDNGH; Provided, further, that upon the completion of the transition, funds for
55 the continued implementation of this Act shall be allocated in the annual General
56 Appropriations Act under DOH.

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58 **SECTION 7.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
59 Health shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations upon consultation with the
60 Provincial Government of Lanao del Norte and other stakeholders and shall be implemented
61 consistend with the hospital development plan.

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63 **SECTION 8.** If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or
64 invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
65 effect.

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67 **SECTION 9.** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations that are
68 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
69 accordingly.

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

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