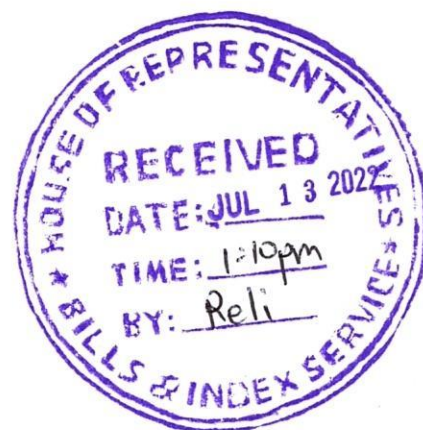


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HOUSE BILL NO. 1874



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LA PAZ GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY
FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, through Section 15, Article II, provides that the State shall "protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." This right is not only limited to the provision of primary health care made by barangay health centers and rural health units, but must also extend to secondary- and tertiary-level health care. All communities, however far they are from the urban centers where most medical facilities are located, must be ensured access to quality and accessible healthcare. Thus, it is imperative that such facility exists nearby these communities where it is needed the most.

Currently, the La Paz District Hospital, situated in Barangay Poblacion, La Paz, Abra, is government hospital classified as an 'infirmary' and has a twenty-five (25) bed capacity. Through this Bill, we are seeking to change the name of the hospital to La Paz General Hospital and to increase its authorized bed capacity to one hundred (100) beds to reflect its greater commitment to deliver quality healthcare to the people of La Paz and its surrounding municipalities of Dangles, Lagayan, San Juan, Tineg, and Langiden.

It is hoped that the approval and realization of this measure will also be a factor and a reason for Abreño healthcare professionals to remain in our Province to give back to the people who need immediate medical attention.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. The La Paz District Hospital in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra is hereby converted into a general hospital under the full authority and technical supervision of the Department of Health to be known as La Paz General Hospital.

Sec. 2. The bed capacity of the La Paz General Hospital is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.

Sec. 3. The existing service facilities and professional healthcare services of the La Paz General Hospital are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 2 hereof.

Sec. 4. The existing workforce of the La Paz General Hospital shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and management and the Civil Service

Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the La Paz General Hospital.

Sec. 5. All accounts and expenses of the La Paz General Hospital shall be audited by the Commission on Audit.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 7. The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,