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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **1962**



Introduced by Representative Adrian Jay "AJ" C. Advincula

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer the management, supervision and control of the *Ospital ng Imus* from the City of Imus, Province of Cavite to the Department of Health.

The *Ospital ng Imus* is a three-story, 130- bed capacity Level 1 general hospital that provides medical and health services to the people of Imus, and to its neighboring municipalities and cities, especially indigents and senior citizens. Its services include major and minor operations and other ancilliary services such as x-ray, ultrasound and laboratory.

Pursuing the objective to provide adequate medical services including curative, preventive and promotive health care, at the local level, the Department of Health partly funded the construction and purchase of the medical equipment of the *Ospiital ng Imus* through the Health Facility Enhancement Program. In 2018, the *Ospital ng Imus* was turned over to the City of Imus and started its operation on October 12, 2018.

The hospital was properly managed and financed by the City Government of Imus. However, when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in 2020, the City Government of Imus found it difficult to manage and finance the operation of *Ospital ng Imus* due to the challenging responsibility of implementing COVID-19 response and recovery interventions.

To assure the residents of Imus and other neighboring municipalities and cities of continuous quality health care services, it is urgently necessary to transfer the management, supervision and control of the *Ospital ng Imus* to the Department of Health.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE OSPITAL
NG IMUS FROM THE CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The management, supervision and control of the Ospital ng Imus in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite are transferred to the Department of Health to ensure adequate health facilities, professional health care, and delivery of basic, essential and specialized health services to the residents of City of Imus, and the neighboring municipalities and cities of the Province of Cavite.

SECTION 2. The health facilities, human resources, buildings, grounds, records, equipment, liabilities, rights and other assets of the *Ospital ng Imus* are

likewise transferred to the Department of Health, subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

The incumbent healthcare workers of the *Ospital ng Imus* are automatically absorbed as personnel of the Department of Health without loss of seniority rights.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act is charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of This Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,