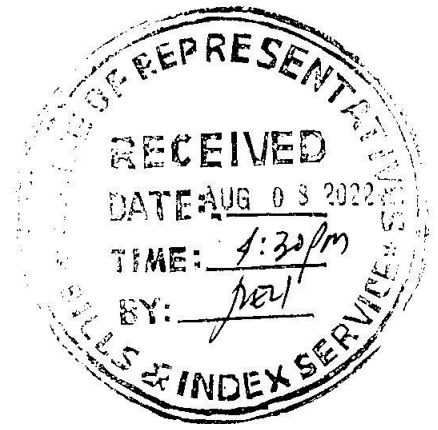




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 3344



Introduced by Representative Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to upgrade the Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jordan, Province of Guimaras from a Level I Hospital into a Level II Hospital, to increase its bed capacity from twenty-five (25) beds to two hundred (200) beds, upgrade its professional health care services and facilities, and increase its medical personnel.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to the people at affordable cost.

At present, Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital is the only hospital in the Province of Guimaras catering to more than Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) individuals. Being a Local Government Unit- Government Level I Hospital, the only patients which should be referred to this facility are those that merely require minor care and supervision. However, these previous years including the present battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, had confirmed the necessity and urgent need for a higher quality of care for the Province of Guimaras.

In good weather, the island province is a fifteen to twenty minute boat ride away from Iloilo City where the nearest Level II and Level III hospitals are located. However, inclement weather would make this journey nearly impossible. Thus, it is but appropriate that Guimarasnons should be granted quality healthcare that is accessible to critically ill patients with the availability of medical specialists that cater to all ailments.

For the purpose of expediency in upgrading the Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jordan, Province of Guimaras, which targets to accommodate the immediate and future health care needs of all Guimarasnons, it is in public interest that this measure be approved with urgency.

Hence, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE DR. CATALINO GALLEGU NAVA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JORDAN, PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS INTO A
LEVEL II HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS
PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE
OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as “The Upgrading of Dr. Catalino Gallego
2 Nava Provincial Hospital Act”.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital (DCGNPH) in the
4 Municipality of Jordan, Province of Guimaras, is hereby upgraded into a Level II Hospital.
5 The authorized bed capacity of the DCGNPH is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to
6 two hundred (200) beds. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall implement the
7 increase in bed capacity of the DCGNPH within a period of five (5) years from the approval
8 of this Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of
10 the Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and
11 be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

12 **SECTION 4.** The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.
13 The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the
14 Civil Service Commission (CSC) in consultation with the DCGNPH shall determine the
15 additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

16 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department’s
17 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
18 General Appropriations Act.

1 **SECTION 6.** All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations and
2 parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

3 **SECTION 7.** Within sixty days after the approval of this Act, the DOH shall
4 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

5 **SECTION 8.** If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall be deemed
6 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and
7 shall remain in force and in effect.

8 **SECTION 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
9 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,