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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3790**



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Introduced by  
**REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ**

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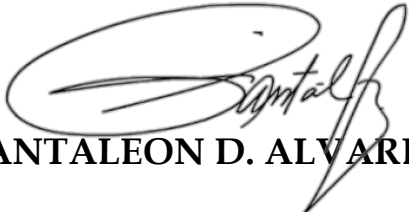
**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE PRIMARY CARE FACILITY IN BRGY. SAWATA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAWATA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, INTO A TEN (10) BED CAPACITY WARD EXTENSION (INFIRMARY) OF THE DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAGUM CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER INFIRMARY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

This bill seeks to provide the people of Sawata in the Municipality of San Isidro, Davao del Norte, access to affordable, quality and timely hospital care through the establishment in the locality of a ten (10) bed capacity ward extension facility of the Davao Regional Medical Center.

The Sawata area is classified as Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Area (GIDA) where the provision of regular and essential health services by the government is challenging, if not inexistent. This bill intends to provide the people of Sawata and nearby communities of the provinces of Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, especially indigent patients, with accessible health services.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**MEDICAL CENTER INFIRMARY**

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

SECTION 1. The Primary Care Facility in Sawata, Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte, is converted into a ten (10) bed capacity ward extension of the Davao Regional Medical Center (DRMC) in Tagum City, to be known as the Davao Regional Medical Center Infirmary (DRMC Infirmary). As a ward extension of DRMC, the DRMC Infirmary shall be administered by DRMC.

SEC. 2. The DRMC Infirmary shall primarily provide preventive curative and rehabilitative services to the people of San Isidro and nearby municipalities of the provinces of Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley.

SEC. 3. Ownership, possession and use of all assets, fixed and

movable, and records of the Primary Care Facility in Sawata, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the DRMC Infirmary.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health (DOH) shall determine the staffing pattern of DRMC Infirmary and as approved by the Department of Budget and Management shall be incorporated into the organizational structure and staffing pattern of DRMC. Subject to existing civil service laws, rules and regulations, DOH shall appoint the officials and employees of DRMC Infirmary, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the "*Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989*".

SEC. 5. All accounts and expenses of the DRMC Infirmary shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

SEC. 6. All parcels of land owned by the Primary Care Facility in Sawata are hereby declared to be properties of DRMC and shall be titled under that name.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the organization of the DRMC Infirmary, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the DOH. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the DRMC Infirmary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of Health shall within ninety (90) day issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,