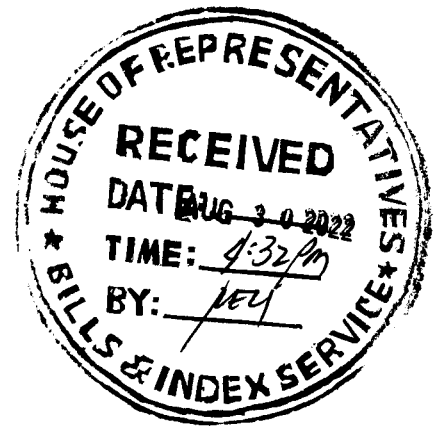


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House Bill No. **4253**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Laurel Memorial District Hospital into a general hospital to be known as the Laurel Memorial General Hospital, increasing its bed capacity, upgrading the professional healthcare services and facilities, authorizing the increase of medical personnel and shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

The 1987 Philippine Constitution generally promotes the right of people to proper healthcare. This specifically indicates in Article II, Section 15 provision of the Constitution "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them". It was again mentioned in the Article XIII, Section II the importance of providing health care to the people by the government, which states "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 all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children".

It is imperative that we address this immediate need to upgrade our hospitals in order to cater the necessary health care needs of our people. Due to the increasing hospital occupancy rate especially this pandemic period, the local government cannot sustain the increasing demand of patients' confinement and the need for more hospital professionals and facilities.

In order to meet these demands, it is essential for the government to provide adequate support through modernization and upgrading of hospitals.

Hence, the urgent need to improve the health care services of Laurel Memorial District Hospital by converting it into a level II general hospital.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAUREL MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TANAUAN CITY, BATANGAS INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS LAUREL MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Laurel Memorial District Hospital in Tanauan City, Province of Batangas, is hereby upgraded into Level II General Hospital to be known as the Laurel Memorial General Hospital (LMGH). It shall be under the full administrative, technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health (DOH).

The bed capacity of the general hospital is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the hospital chief of the LMGH and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital

SEC. 2. The existing professional healthcare services and facilities of the LMGH are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the LMGH, including doctors, nurses and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall immediately include in the Department's programs and implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act may be declared invalid or inoperable, the remaining provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain full force and effect.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,