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House Bill No. 5037



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article II Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them." Article XIII Section 11 further says, "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 the people at affordable cost."

This bill seeks to upgrade the San Jose District Hospital in the Province of Batangas from a Level I to a Level II general hospital to be known as San Jose General Hospital. Since 1978, the hospital has been operating at 25 bed capacity, with actual implementing of 50 beds. However, in the past decade, the hospital has seen an increasing number of admissions and out-patient consultations which was further amplified by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At present, the hospital serves the residents from San Jose, the municipalities of the Fourth District, the neighboring towns of Batangas, and Lipa City with a composite population of 360,935. In the past 10 years, the hospital has seen an occupancy rate ranging from 116% to 152% with an average in-patient of 33 per day while out-patient consultations average to about 90 patients per day. Using the DOH guidelines for the required bed capacity, San Jose District Hospital needs at least 100 beds to accommodate the increasing number of patients seeking admission and medical care.

The hospital is able to provide the required services of a Level I hospital, however, due to increasing demand, limited capacity and lack of other specialized facilities; many of its patients over the years have been referred to other hospitals.

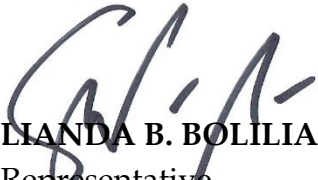
There is also a shortage in manpower. Currently, there are only 60 regular personnel, 18 job orders, 9 casual, 8 detailed and 5 volunteers. As for the medical staff, there are only 5 resident physicians all of them general practitioners, 5 laboratory personnel, 4 pharmacists, 2 dentists (1 is a visiting dentist) and 32 nursing personnel of which only 10 are permanent nurses.

But despite of its limitations, the Hospital has received several recognitions from the DOH including the Sentrong Sigla Award, Award for a Healthy Facility, and 2012 Center of Excellence Award, among others.

At present, the Hospital receives its annual budget from the Provincial Government of Batangas. Should the upgrade be approved, additional funds will be utilized not only for the operation and maintenance of existing facilities but also for the purchase of much needed medical, laboratory and office equipment.

The passage of this bill will mean providing for a better and specialized health services to the people in San Jose and the nearby municipalities and alleviating our constituents from the high cost of medical care and expenses.

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


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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE SAN JOSE DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SAN JOSE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL
HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS SAN JOSE GENERAL HOSPITAL,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, 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.** The San Jose District Hospital in the Municipality of San Jose
2 Province of Batangas is hereby upgraded into a Level II General Hospital to be known
3 as San Jose General Hospital under the Supervision of the Department of Health
4 (DOH).
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6 **SECTION 2.** Its bed capacity shall be increased from twenty-five (25) to one
7 hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall conform and be
8 consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief
9 of Hospital of the San Jose District Hospital and submitted to the DOH.
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11 **SECTION 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities are
12 also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed
13 capacity as provided in Section 2 hereof.
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1 **SECTION 4.** The existing workforce of the San Jose District Hospital, which
2 includes doctors, nurses, other health care practitioners and support personnel shall
3 also be increased accordingly.
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5 The additional new positions to be created and filled up shall, only after
6 consultation with the Chief of Hospital, be determined by the Secretary of Health in
7 coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of
8 the Civil Service Commission.
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10 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the
11 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
12 included in the General Appropriations Act.
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14 The Province of Batangas shall continue to provide the necessary funds to
15 support San Jose General Hospital until such time that the national government shall
16 have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital, its expenses for
17 operations and compensation of personnel in the annual General Appropriation Act.
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19 **SECTION 6.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
20 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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22 **SECTION 7.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are
23 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, or modified accordingly.
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25 **SECTION 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
26 *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.
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28 Approved,