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House Bill No. 5729



Introduced by

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ
and
HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN, PROVINCE OF
LANAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILIGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 an affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. Further, the State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Iligan City is a highly urbanized city in Northern Mindanao with 363,111 inhabitants according to the 2020 census with an estimated 1.25% increase rate annually. It is geographically located in the province of Lanao del Norte but administered independently from the province. However, of the seven (7) hospitals in Iligan City, only one is a government hospital and it is not equipped with adequate medical equipment and services to cater to the health needs of its people.

To address the lack of health and medical services and to lessen the financial burden on the patients, the bill seeks to establish a general hospital in Iligan, Lanao del Norte to be known as the Iligan General Hospital.

This measure has been filed by former Lone District of Iligan Representative Frederick W. Siao in the 18th Congress and was approved in the House on third reading.

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



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

Section 1. *Iligan General Hospital.* There shall be established in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, a general hospital, to be known as the Iligan General Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of healthcare services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

Section 2. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation consistent with the

hospital development plan.

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules, and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,