

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5875

Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. (Sec. 15, Art. II) Likewise, 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. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. Finally, the State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers. (Sec. 11, Art. XIII)

According to the 2020 PSA Census, the two (2) cities and six (municipalities) comprising the 2nd District of Nueva Ecija have a total population of 493,038. Despite the growing population, at present, there is no Level II Hospital in the legislative district which will answer the needs of almost half a million people. For this reason, the constituents are forced to travel to Cabanatuan City or Baguio City – thus, incurring additional expenses – because the current healthcare system in the legislative district cannot accommodate all the patients' needs, especially the care that only Level II Hospitals can provide.

A Level II Hospital offers emergency and outpatient services, isolation facilities, surgical/maternity facilities, departmentalized clinical services, respiratory unit, general ICU, NICU, dental clinic; tertiary clinical laboratory, blood station, 2nd level x-ray, etc.¹ These services are essential to the medical needs of the public. With that said, the present proponent is willing to donate one to two hectares (1-2 has.) of land located in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija to the national government for the construction and operation of the Level II Hospital to be known as the "Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago General Hospital".

The late Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago was a great Filipino philanthropist known for his charity works to various institutions, and associations recognized in Rome and made him a Papal awardee. He was a successful businessman known for his fair play in the market. He was also a politician known for his integrity in rendering public service for several years. Hence, the name of the hospital is in due recognition for his humanitarian service and integrity in the field of business and politics.

This bill seeks to establish a Level II General Hospital in San Jose City, which shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Health. This will ensure that the constituents

¹ Department of Health. "DOH Hospital Profiles". 1st Edition. <https://doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/publications/DOH-Hospitals-Profile_0.pdf>

within the legislative district and nearby places will have access to quality, safe, and affordable medical care, without incurring additional costs from travelling to other provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the urgent passage of this measure is sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Gilbert F. Violago', written in a cursive style.

JOSEPH GILBERT F. VIOLAGO

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN JOSE CITY, NUEVA
ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. ELEUTERIO R. VIOLAGO GENERAL
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a Level II General Hospital in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija.* – There shall be established and maintained, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health, a general hospital with Level II capacity in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija, to be known as the “Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago General Hospital”.

SECTION 2. *Hospital Development Plan.* – The DOH shall develop a hospital development plan to define the service capacity, development goals and targets of the hospital. Any further increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the department’s program the operationalization and maintenance of the Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago General Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the DOH, and thereafter, the succeeding funding such as, but not limited to, the amount necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation of the general hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six (6) months following the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of its provisions.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,