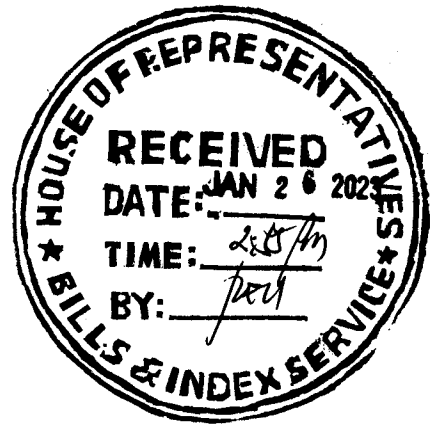


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HOUSE BILL No. **6937**



Introduced by: **HONORABLE ROSEMARIE CONEJOS PANOTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Camarines Norte Provincial Hospital located in the Municipality of Daet, the Provincial Capital, was established with a one hundred (100) beds hospital capacity. In 1992, the bed capacity was increased from one hundred (100) to one hundred fifty (150) beds by virtue of Republic Act No. 7220.

Through the years, the number of patients, particularly the poor and the underprivileged, who sought the services and were admitted to the provincial hospital had increased significantly eventually creating a serious problem to the hospital management. The existing one hundred fifty (150) bed capacity provincial hospital can no longer cope with the ever increasing number of patients and their diversified health needs, especially those patients requiring confinement. The urgent clamour then is to increase its existing bed capacity ideally, to two hundred fifty (250) beds and the corresponding increase in the medical practitioners and health workers employed in the hospital will result in more patients being accommodated and better served in the hospital for the great benefit of the poor patients.

The Constitution, specifically Section 15, Article II, explicitly provides that *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* While the aforestated policy has been diversely implemented both locally and nationally, present realities still demand a compelling necessity to improve the existing health facilities and develop health programs which are appropriate to address the growing and actual health needs of the people.

It is sad to note that the present financial condition of the Province of Camarines Norte cannot fully afford to serve the growing number of inhabitants in dire need of health care services.

It is therefore the paramount of this objective of this bill to upgrade the Camarines Norte Provincial Hospital into a tertiary level III general hospital to be known as the Camarines Norte General Hospital under the direct supervision, maintenance and management of the Department of Health in order to upgrade the services and facilities, and correspondingly increase the number of medical and health personnel and its existing bed capacity that will eventually address the present predicament of the poor patients.

The foregoing reasons warrant the immediate approval of this bill.


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AN ACT

UPGRADING THE CAMARINES NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAET, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMARINES NORTE GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Camarines Norte Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Daet, Province of Camarines Norte is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level III general hospital to be known as the Camarines Norte General Hospital under the direct control, supervision, and management of the Department of Health (DOH).

The increase in the bed capacity of the Camarines Norte General Hospital in the Municipality of Daet, Province of Camarines Norte shall be in accordance with the hospital development plan.

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

SEC. 3. The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and in consultation with the management of the hospital, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up in the workforce of the said hospital.

SEC. 4. The chief of the hospital shall develop a hospital development plan to be submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital, consistent with the increase in the bed capacity and service capability. Request for the staffing requirements, capital outlay investments and budgetary needs for the operations shall be based on the hospital development plan.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Camarines Norte, the Representative of the District, where the hospital is located, and other stakeholders and shall be implemented consistent with the hospital development plan.

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

Approved,