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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **7116**



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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO JR.**

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**AN ACT**

**UPGRADING THE APARRI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF APARRI,  
PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
APARRI MEDICAL CENTER, PLACING IT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO 100 BEDS, UPGRADING  
ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE  
OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFORE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

One of the means to implement the constitutional mandate enunciated in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution<sup>1</sup> is to ensure that our health facilities, especially hospitals, in cities and provinces are improved and provided with adequate resources and support to serve the needs of the people.

For more than 47 years, the Aparri Provincial Hospital (APH) has served not only the ailing constituents of the municipality of Aparri, Cagayan but also patients coming from its neighboring towns of Lallo, Gattaran, Buguey, Camalaniugan, Sta. Ana, Sta. Teresita, Gonzaga, Lasam, Allacapan, Island of Camiguin and Calayan. With the passage of Republic Act No. 7381 in 1992, the APH became a referral hospital of different district hospitals in the Province of Cagayan and the Island of Calayan and Camiguin.

However, the growing population of the municipality of Aparri and its nearby towns and the absence of a nearby higher-level hospital facilities emphasize the need to upgrade

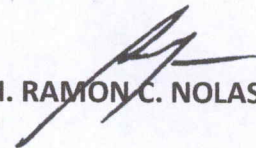
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<sup>1</sup> Sec. 11 the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

and rehabilitate APH's facilities to allow it to provide a higher quality of healthcare services to its constituents and to alleviate the hardships of patients from neighboring towns to travel long hours to Tuguegarao City to avail the services of a higher-level kind of hospital.

Accordingly, this bill seeks to upgrade the existing Aparri Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Aparri in the Province of Cagayan into a Level II General Hospital under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health, to increase its bed capacity to 100 beds, to upgrade its professional healthcare services and facilities, and to authorize the increase in its medical personnel.

Considering the laudable objective of this bill, its immediate passage is earnestly sought at the earliest time possible.



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

1           SECTION 1. The Aparri Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Aparri, Province of  
2 Cagayan, is hereby upgraded from Level I into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the  
3 Aparri Medical Center (AMC) which shall be placed under the management, direct  
4 supervision, and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

5           The Authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from seventy-  
6 five (75) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in the hospital's bed capacity shall  
7 be based on its hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the hospital  
8 management of the AMC and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the  
9 hospital.

1        SEC 2. The existing operating fund, service capability, and professional healthcare  
2 services of the AMC shall be upgraded and increase to conform with and be commensurate  
3 to its nationalization and the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof,  
4 consistent with the hospital development plan.

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6        SEC. 3 The existing workforce of the AMC, including doctors, nurses, and support  
7 personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act, consistent  
8 with the hospital development plan.

9        The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)  
10 and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with the management of the AMC,  
11 shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

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13        SEC. 4 The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's  
14 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
15 General Appropriation's Act.

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17        SEC3. 5 Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall formulate  
18 the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.  
19 The IRR shall be consistent and implemented with the hospital development plan.

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21        SEC. 6. If any portion or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional, invalid or  
22 inoperable, the remaining portions or provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain in  
23 full force and effect.

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25        SEC. 7. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or  
26 parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended,  
27 repealed, or modified accordingly.

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29        SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
30 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

*Approved,*