



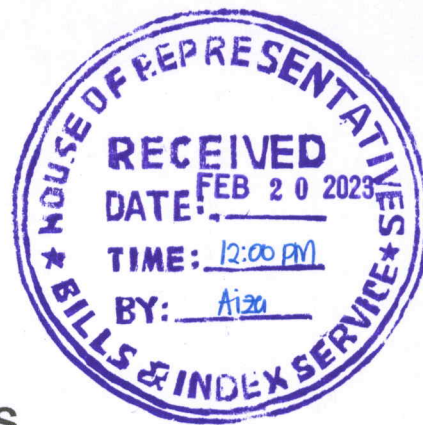
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HOUSE BILL NO. **7215**



Introduced by Representative **Florencio Gabriel "Bem" G. Noel** and Representative **Josephine Veronique "Jaye" Lacson-Noel**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11 of Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"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. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Southern Leyte is located in the Eastern Visayas region with a total population of 421, 750. Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital, located in Maasin City, Southern Leyte, is the primary health care provider to the people of Southern Leyte and the entire Region 8 or Eastern Visayas Region. However, its facilities and funds for operation and maintenance could not barely cope with the demands of its patients. Hence, converting the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital into Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center could enhance the capability of the said hospital especially with the support of the national government through the Department of Health (DOH).

Therefore, the passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, PLACING THE CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall give adequate, accessible and affordable primary, secondary and tertiary health services to all the citizens.

SEC. 2. Objectives. -

- (a) To upgrade the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital into a Tertiary Hospital Level III;
- (b) To provide easy, affordable and timely access to tertiary health care for the Filipino people of the province of Southern Leyte especially the underprivileged, the poor, disabled, women and children, and as resources would allow free medical care to indigent citizens;
- (c) To provide teaching, training and research facilities for students in medicine, nursing, therapy, x-ray technology and other allied health profession in in the province of

Southern Leyte Island through the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center;

- (d) To promote, encourage and engage in scientific research in the prevention of diseases and the care and treatment of patients and related activities, including the grant of scholarships and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars, and conferences; and
- (e) To provide other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and rules of the Universal Health Care Act.

SEC. 3. Conversion. - The Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital in the City of Maasin, Southern Leyte is hereby converted into a Tertiary Hospital — Level III to be known as Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, under the full administrative and technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health (DOH).

For this purpose, the bed capacity of the Salvacion Oppus- Yniguez Memorial Medical Center shall be increased from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented for a period of not more than five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. Upgrade of Facilities and Services. - The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with its objective under Section 2 hereof and shall be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 3 hereof, consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a Tertiary Hospital – Level III.

The upgrade shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the purchase or acquisition of land, the construction of additional hospital infrastructure, which will house hospital areas, rooms, wards and laboratory units, necessary to upgrade the efficient delivery of the hospital healthcare services.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Health shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act. Provided that, the *plantilla* employees of Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center which include physicians, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased correspondingly commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity. The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management, Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission and the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, shall determine the additional *plantilla* positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. — The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The provincial government of Southern Leyte shall continue to provide the same level of financial assistance to the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Provincial Hospital until such

time that the national government shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital, its operating expenses and personnel compensation in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause – All laws, orders, decrees, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause – If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,