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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8030



Introduced by: REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAGUNA REGIONAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Level III or tertiary general hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Province of Laguna, to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), and appropriates funds therefor.

The establishment of the Laguna Regional Hospital is in line with the recognition of the necessity for a critical tertiary referral hospital in the province of Laguna in consideration of present and future needs, especially those of the neediest sectors.

The establishment of the Laguna Regional Hospital is also in alignment with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) 2020-2040, which aims to improve access to primary care for Filipinos and close the gap for tertiary bed needs, medical equipment, among others.

The PHFDP 2020-2040 identifies the Calabarzon region as having the highest need for tertiary beds among all regions, and the highest demand for medical equipment. The region also has the highest number of deaths, in particular, the highest infant, maternal, and Covid-19 deaths.

Moreover, while it is the fourth most highly populated province in the country, there is yet no public tertiary hospital in Laguna. The nearest public tertiary hospital is in Batangas City, in the province of Batangas, and Trece Martires City, in the province of Cavite. However, these government-owned tertiary hospitals are facing increasing pressure due to increasing population and gaps in healthcare services across the region.

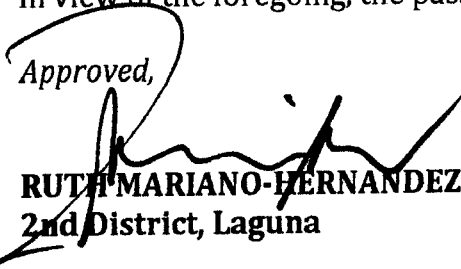
The establishment of the Laguna Regional Hospital can help alleviate this situation. Putting the new tertiary general hospital under the control and supervision of DOH allows the department to efficiently integrate it into the region's referral healthcare services network. The Laguna Regional Hospital can serve as a referral hospital and can help lessen the pressure for other government-owned tertiary level hospitals in the region as the demand for their services increases, considering that the population of the region is predicted to increase in the coming years.

The Laguna Regional Hospital shall be critical also because of its location as being immediately south of the national metropolitan area, and accessible to many municipalities in nearby provinces of Cavite, Batangas and Quezon. With the expected improvement of transportation modes in the Laguna Lake and its vicinities, the Laguna Regional Hospital can also easily be accessible to Rizal and National Capital Region.

The hospital development plan shall guide any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of healthcare services and facilities. The DOH shall be responsible for developing a specialty or multi-specialty center within the Laguna Regional Hospital in accordance with DOH guidelines. This center will also provide specialized healthcare services to patients in need.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urgently requested.

Approved,


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

Section 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Bay, Province of Laguna, a level three (tertiary) general hospital to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 2. There shall also be developed a specialty or multi-specialty center within the Laguna Regional Hospital in accordance with DOH guidelines.

Section 3. Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

Section 4. 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 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,