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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8190



Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." (Art. II, Sec. 15) It further declares that "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." (Art. XIII, Sec. 11)

This bill seeks to create a one hundred (100) bed specialty hospital in the Municipality of Lupao, Province of Nueva Ecija to be known as the Lupao (Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago) Mother and Child Medical Center which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health. The proposed specialty hospital is envisioned to cater specifically for the care of mothers, women, and children and all their medical needs.

According to the 2020 PSA Census, the Province of Nueva Ecija has 2,310,134 inhabitants. As for the local government units comprising the 2nd District of Nueva Ecija, the total population is around half a million. However, at present, there are no specialty hospitals dedicated to mothers and children in the locality. For this reason, the constituents are forced to travel to other places – thus, incurring additional expenses – because the current healthcare system in the area cannot accommodate all of the patients' needs, especially the care that only specialty hospitals for mother and children can provide.

With that said, the present proponent is willing to donate one hectare of land located in the Municipality of Lupao, Nueva Ecija to the national government for the construction and operation of the proposed mother and child medical center.

In addition, the late Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago was a great Filipino philanthropist known for his charity works to various institutions. His altruism also extended to associations recognized in Rome. He was also a Papal awardee. He was a successful

businessman known for his fair play in the market. Likewise, he was a politician known for his integrity in public service which spanned many years. Hence, the name of the hospital is in due recognition of his humanitarian service and integrity in the field of business and politics.

Thus, it is with great hope that the people, especially the mothers, women and children in Nueva Ecija and neighboring areas, will have access to quality, safe, and affordable medical care.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUPAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LUPAO (DR. ELEUTERIO R. VIOLAGO) MOTHER AND CHILD MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a specialty hospital in the Municipality of Lupao, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as the Lupao (Dr. Eleuterio R. Violago) Mother and Child Medical Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). It shall be authorized to operate a one hundred (100) – bed capacity hospital dedicated to mothers', women's, and children's healthcare and requirements.

SECTION 2. The hospital shall specialize on the care of mothers, women, and children and shall focus on their health care, prenatal testing, obstetrics and gynecological services, pediatrics care, lactation programs, nutrition services, neonatal care, immunization services, postpartum depression support, education classes for parenting and women's and children's health awareness.

SECTION 3. Any future 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 4. The Secretary of the DOH 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, 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,