



House Bill No. 8266

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALER, PROVINCE OF AURORA, A TERTIARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AURORA MEDICAL CENTER (AMC), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Considering the high costs of getting private medical care, thousands of Filipinos, especially in the provinces, seek medical care and assistance from government hospitals. Despite limited resources, the government hospitals strive to provide quality healthcare services to the people depending on them.

At present, the Province of Aurora only has the following public hospitals: Aurora Memorial Hospital (AMH), Casiguran District Hospital and Dingalan Community Hospital. These hospitals cater to the medical needs of the people of Aurora but the capacity of these healthcare institutions to provide healthcare services has been constrained by their limited resources. It is an ongoing and continuing challenge for the public health care system in the province to provide every patient the needed medical service and care. In order to have access to better medical facilities, the locals of Aurora would have to travel to hospitals outside the province including those in Metro Manila, in order to get access to quality medical assistance. This entails travel and transportation costs which adds financial burden to the already economically deprived citizens.

With the passage of this bill, the said burden involving the general healthcare system in the Province of Aurora will be diminished. The establishment of a tertiary hospital in the province is most urgently needed as it will somehow resolve the endless struggle of many of its people in accessing quality and affordable health care services.

Given the abovementioned premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. *Establishment* - There shall be established in the Municipality
of Baler, Province of Aurora, a tertiary hospital, to be known as the Aurora
Medical Center (AMC), which shall be under the direct control and supervision
of the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 2. *Development Plan* - Within ninety (90) days from the
enactment of this Act, the DOH shall develop a hospital development plan to
define the service capacity, developmental goals, and targets of the hospital.
Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care facilities,
service capability and human resource complement shall be based on the
hospital development plan.

Section 3. *Role of the Local Government Units (LGU)* - The DOH shall
consult the local government units in the Province of Aurora and the other
stakeholders in determining the site of the hospital.

Section 4. *Secretary of Health* - 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 General Appropriations Act
(GAA).

Section 5. *Separability Clause*. - If, for any reason, any part or provision
of this Act is declared invalid or 'unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive
orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

At present, the provision of health services in the Aurora Health System, which includes the Aurora Community Hospital, the Aurora Medical Center and the Aurora Health System, is a challenge for the community of Aurora. The capacity of the health system to provide health services has been challenged by the increasing demand for health services and the increasing cost of health services. The health system is currently facing a significant financial burden due to the increasing cost of health services and the increasing demand for health services. The health system is currently facing a significant financial burden due to the increasing cost of health services and the increasing demand for health services. The health system is currently facing a significant financial burden due to the increasing cost of health services and the increasing demand for health services.

When the passage of this bill is considered involving the general health system, the provision of health services will be considered. The establishment of a tertiary hospital in the community is most urgently needed in order to provide the community with the highest quality of health services. The health system is currently facing a significant financial burden due to the increasing cost of health services and the increasing demand for health services.

One of the primary purposes of this bill is to ensure that the health system is able to provide the highest quality of health services to the community. The health system is currently facing a significant financial burden due to the increasing cost of health services and the increasing demand for health services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the State of Illinois, this 10th day of June, 2011.