



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8694

Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

The 1987 Constitution requires us to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them; Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code requires the coordination of the National Government and Local Government in the implementation of government programs; the Supreme Court in Mandanas-Garcia ruling recognized the capability of our local governments in the delivery of important government services, and from which, Executive Order 138, Series of 2021 was issued in recognition of the said jurisprudence.

The COVID-19 pandemic took lives, livelihood, and opportunities. Moreover, it exposed our status in the delivery of medical services, which unfortunately, unveiled the incapacity of the number of hospitals across the country to accommodate the surge of patients. In fact, during the onslaught of the coronavirus-delta variant in the middle of year 2021, nearly a fifth of hospitals in the country were close to full capacity. In Quezon City alone, we had to improvise different buildings, like hotels and universities, as temporary isolation and quarantine facilities for COVID-19 patients.

With this view, this bill will address our shortcomings in the medical sector. This will establish a district hospital in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City, which will be known as Tandang Sora Hospital and Medical Center. This hospital will accept more patient and promote health living. This measure will also recognize the capability of the Quezon City government to assume its new role in the medical sector.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE TANDANG SORA HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** – There shall be established a district hospital in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon
2 City, known as the TANDANG SORA HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER.

3 **SECTION 2.** – The Department of Health (DOH), in consultation and coordination with the local
4 government of Quezon City, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
5 implementation of this Act.

6 **SECTION 3. Scope.** – The local government of Quezon City shall provide funding for the
7 establishment of, and acquisition of land for, the said district hospital. The Secretary of Health
8 shall immediately include in the Department's programs, the implementation of this Act, the
9 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** – All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations parts
11 whereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
12 accordingly.

13 **SECTION 5.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,