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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **9703**



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, "*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.*"

Kabayan is a Fourth Class Municipality in Benguet with a population of 15,806 according to the 2020 Census. It is constituted of thirteen (13) barangays, namely: Adaoay, Anchukey, Ballay, Bashoy, Batan, Duacan, Eddet, Gusaran, Kabayan Barrio, Lusod, Pacso, Poblacion, and Tawangan.

This bill seeks to establish a government-owned district hospital in the Municipality of Kabayan which will serve as a more accessible medical institution providing quality healthcare services to the constituents of Kabayan and neighboring localities.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABAYAN, PROVINCE OF
BENGUET, A DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE KABAYAN
DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 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 in the Municipality of Kabayan, Province of Benguet, a district hospital to be known as the Kabayan District Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Provincial Government of Benguet.

SEC. 2. The Provincial Government of Benguet shall manage the Kabayan District Hospital, and prepare, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), a hospital development plan that is aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resources complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

SEC. 3. The Provincial Government of Benguet shall provide the necessary funds for the establishment of the Kabayan District Hospital. The Secretary of DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Kabayan District Hospital.

SEC. 4. 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.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,