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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9832



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The municipality of Panglao in the province of Bohol is known for its pristine and idyllic beaches. This accounts to a significant increase in population due to both residential growth and tourist influx. Currently, Panglao houses around 40,000 local residents. On a monthly basis, it accommodates at least 60,000 tourists - both local and international. This steady increase in population necessitates the expansion of essential services including the healthcare sector.

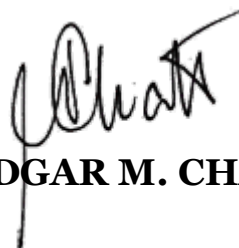
Despite the tourism and economic activities in Panglao, there is no adequate medical facility to respond to emergency situations as well as provide care on a daily basis. Residents and visitors face challenges in accessing timely an appropriate medical care with hospitals located at considerable distances in the city of Tagbilaran and the municipality of Cortes.

Establishing a hospital in the island of Panglao will address the gap by providing accessible and convenient healthcare services. Thus, improve the overall quality of life of all who dwell and visit. A dedicated hospital in Panglao will also invite employment opportunities and raise the level of health and medical services.

The proposal to establish a medical center in Panglao further aligns with the broader regional and national development goals outlined by the Department of Health (DOH). It reflects a commitment towards the enhancement of healthcare infrastructures and services, which is essential for the sustainable growth and prosperity of the entire region.

All said, the establishment of a hospital in Panglao is a strategic investment that not only meets the immediate healthcare needs of the community but also contributes to the long-term development and prosperity of the island.

Considering the above points, we earnestly request the immediate passage of this bill.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLAO, PROVINCE OF
BOHOL, A HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANGLAO ISLAND
MEDICAL CENTER (PIMC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Sec. 1. There shall be established in the municipality of Panglao, province of Bohol, a two hundred (200) bed capacity hospital to be known as the Panglao Island Medical Center (PIMC) which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Sec. 2. Any future increase in the bed capacity, health care facilities, service capability and human resource complement shall be based in the hospital development plan which shall be prepared shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of PIMC in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH).

Sec. 3. Appropriations. - 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.

Sec 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act consistent with the hospital development plan.

Sec. 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamation and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,