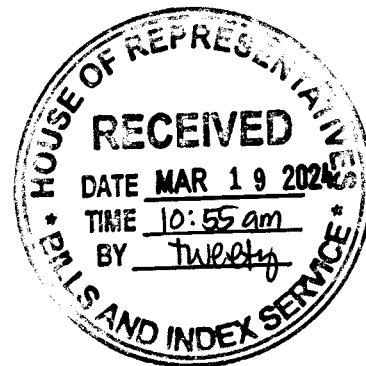


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10175



Introduced by: **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN RAFAEL OF BULACAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine healthcare system, particularly the provision on automatic membership of all Filipinos, is now made available for them by virtue of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Law. With this, Filipinos are now granted immediate eligibility under the National Health Insurance Program to be eligible for various medical packages under PhilHealth. In this light, our people are guaranteed equitable access to affordable health services.

However, quality healthcare seems to be an evolving challenge to all Filipinos, most especially to the people from the Province of Bulacan. The latest accessible data¹ from PhilHealth shows that for Region III in Bulacan, the only standing Level III hospital is the Bulacan Medical Center.

To improve access to healthcare services, this measure proposes the establishment of a Level III general hospital in the Municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, to be known as the San Rafael of Bulacan Regional Hospital, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). While there are already existing and operating healthcare facilities within the province, gaps are still prevalent – demonstrating the insufficiency and the unavailability of ample medical services for Bulakenyos.

It is important to note that the Bulacan State University San Rafael Campus has its own College of Medicine (COM) and Allied Medicine Courses. Once established, the regional hospital will enhance the COM's capacity to pursue excellent healthcare, education, and research that is accessible to all. As a healthcare facility with a character of a medical research center, it will continue to upgrade its facilities, management system, and manpower skills to provide the healthcare needs of its growing number of patients.

¹ List of Accredited Level 3 Hospitals for CY 2023 Updated as of March 31, 2023
https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/partners/providers/institutional/accredited/LEVEL3_033123.pdf

Given the need to ensure an accessible additional hospital within the province and expand the government's capacity to serve its constituents, the approval of this measure is respectfully requested.


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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, a level three (tertiary) general hospital to be known as the San Rafael of Bulacan Regional Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. There shall also be developed a specialty or multi-specialty center within the San Rafael of Bulacan Regional Hospital, in accordance with Republic Act No. 11959, otherwise known as "Regional Specialty Centers Act", and other applicable DOH guidelines.

SECTION 3. Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

SECTION 4. The DOH Secretary or its authorized designate 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 (GAA).

SECTION 5. Within sixty days (60) after the effectivity of this Act, the DOH Secretary shall promulgate the rules and regulations needed to implement this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,