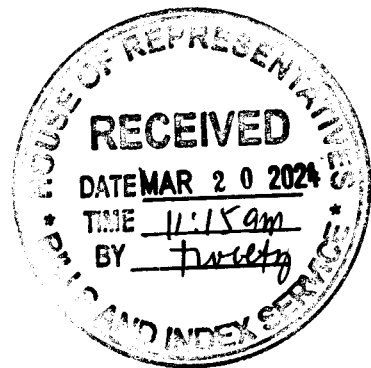


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY

19TH Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10194



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

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN MIGUEL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, INTO A PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN MIGUEL OF BULACAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1961¹, Republic Act No. 3159² was passed to cause the establishment of an emergency hospital in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Bulacan. This was then known as the San Miguel Emergency Hospital. A few years³ after, this was amended by virtue of Republic Act No. 5229⁴ to make the same as the San Miguel Community Hospital. As a community hospital, it was appropriated with a sum of two hundred fifty thousand pesos⁵ (Php 250,000) out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the operation of the said hospital during FY 1969.

The 1987 Constitution⁶ upholds the right of people to proper healthcare. This was furthered in Article XIII, Section 11, stating that 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 people at affordable cost. The priority shall be given to the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, persons with disability, women, and children.

This pins the reason for the passage⁷ of Republic Act No. 7268⁸ which increased the bed capacity of the San Miguel District Hospital from fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) beds and upon its

¹ June 17, 1961

² Published in the Official Gazette, Vol. 58, No. 4, p. 639 on January 22, 1962

³ Or in June 15, 1968, enacted without Executive approval

⁴ Published in the Official Gazette, Vol. 65, No. 20, p. 5016 on May 19, 1969

⁵ Section 2, RA No. 5229

⁶ As stipulated in Article II, Section 15, viz: "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them*".

⁷ March 20, 1992

⁸ Published in the Official Gazette, Vol. 88 No. 18 page 2532 on May 4, 1992.

rehabilitation added another five (5) beds which at present, the hospital has a total of eighty (80) bed capacity.

The proposal under this measure to increase more its bed capacity and elevate its status as a provincial hospital is an imperative attempt to address the immediate healthcare needs of Bulakenyos. In an area like San Miguel, where access to mobility in healthcare is a challenge, it is understood that the increasing demand of our patients for hospital facilities and medical professionals shall be attended to.

A responsive and pro-people healthcare system is one of the top basic social services that the government should prioritize for its people. The need to upgrade will protect, promote, and enhance the right to accessible health services of our constituents.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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

Section 1. The San Miguel District Hospital in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Bulacan, is hereby converted into a provincial hospital to be known as the **San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital**.

Section 2. The authorized bed capacity of the San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital shall be increased from eighty (80) to one hundred fifty (150) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by its Chief of Hospital, and submitted to the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

Section 4. The existing workforce of the San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

Section 5. The Provincial Government of Bulacan shall provide the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) of the San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the additional human resource complement to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its services facilities and professional health care services.

Section 6. The Secretary of the DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the San Miguel of Bulacan Provincial Hospital.

Section 7. 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.

Section 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified accordingly.

Section 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. B. Siluan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.