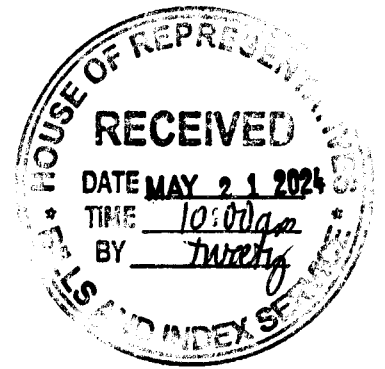


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10463

Introduced by Hon. Ramon C. Nolasco, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Based on Article XIII Section 11 of 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. This bill seeks to establish a level 2 general hospital with 100 bed capacity in the municipality of Gattaran, Province of Cagayan, to be known as the Central Cagayan General Hospital.

The people of Cagayan are in dire need of accessible medical facilities and services. Residents in the province are primarily attended in the medical center located in Tuguegarao City, which is very distant to most of the towns in Cagayan. Cagayanos, especially those in the downstream area and northern part have to travel for about two to three hours to reach Tuguegarao City. Some of the hospitals in other areas are district hospitals maintained by the local government units which lack medical equipment and services.

The establishment of Central Cagayan General Hospital will minimize the influx of patients in Tuguegarao City and will provide the necessary medical services for the residents in the northern part of the province. The establishment of the said hospital will be more accessible to the residents in far flung areas. Hence, the medical and emergency needs of the people can be readily accessed. Further, the creation of the said medical center will minimize the number of life-threatening illness and health related mortality.

As envision in the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act of 2019, every Filipino, particularly the underprivileged, shall have a service delivery of primary-care oriented and integrated health care system. The establishment of a level 2 general hospital in the Municipality of Gattaran will be a considerable relief to the growing population and will efficiently address the increasing medical and health challenges not only in Gattaran but also in other disadvantaged areas and nearby municipalities.

By decreasing distance-related barriers, such as the establishment of level 2 general hospital, this would improve healthcare utilization and healthcare access. Thus, all these can be achieved by the establishment of level 2 general hospital in the region, namely, Central Cagayan General Hospital in the Province of Cagayan.

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


HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO, JR.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A LEVEL 2 GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH 100 BED CAPACITY IN
MUNICIPALITY OF GATTARAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN VALLEY, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE CENTRAL CAGAYAN GENERAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE DIRECT
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a level 2 general hospital with 100 bed capacity in the Municipality of Gattaran, Province of Cagayan Valley to be known as the Gattaran General Hospital, which shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposed of this Act within ninety (90) days from effectivity.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuance which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation

Approved,