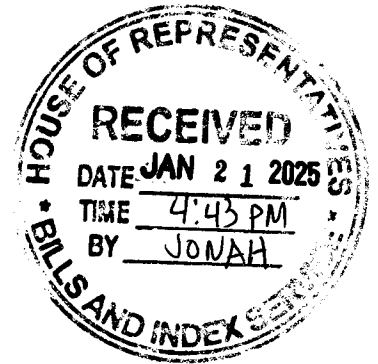




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HOUSE BILL NO. 11324

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, ensuring that essential goods, health, and other social services are available to all people at an affordable cost. The fundamental law further underscores prioritizing the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children, and exerting efforts to provide free medical care.

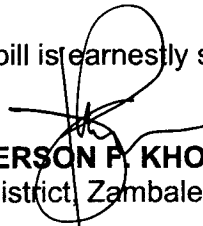
Consequently, the State should invest in establishing more healthcare facilities to ensure universal access to quality medical services.

This bill seeks to establish a Level 1 General Hospital, to be known as Subic General Hospital, under the administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health. The need to build more hospitals and health centers has become more urgent amidst the emergence of infectious diseases and the increasing prevalence of lifestyle and degenerative diseases.

Currently, there are no other government hospitals in the area. Subic, a municipality in the province of Zambales, has a population of 111,912 people and a density of 390 inhabitants per square kilometer according to the 2020 census. Among the 13 municipalities in Zambales, Subic has the highest number of households, with 28,202 as of 2022. A Level 1 General Hospital is envisioned to address the medical needs of the people of Subic and its neighboring municipalities, significantly enhancing the local government's capacity to meet the healthcare needs of its growing population.

While Subic's scores in the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index from 2019 to 2023, in terms of health infrastructure, have shown improvement, sustained government efforts are necessary to maintain and build upon these achievements.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUBIC, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBALES, A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUBIC
GENERAL 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 Subic, Province of Zambales, a level 1 grade hospital to be known as Subic General Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Sec. 2. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

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 Appropriations Act.

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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,