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House Bill Number 377

Introduced by REP. JANE T. CASTRO

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAPIZ MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION,
CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to establish the Capiz Medical Center, a Level III hospital situated at Brgy. Lanot, Roxas City, Capiz under the direct control, supervision and management of the Department of Health.

The province of has one (1) provincial hospital known as Roxas Memorial Provincial Hospital (RMPH) with 147 bed capacity that serves as the end-referral hospital for the four (4) district hospitals (Infirmary and Level I) and military-station hospital, and private hospitals in the province. The RMPH caters to patients and clients from the city and municipalities in the province of Capiz, and nearby municipalities of the provinces of Aklan, Iloilo, Romblon and Masbate. Its present authorized bed capacity is 147 with 243 actual implementing bed capacity that provides healthcare services to the public.

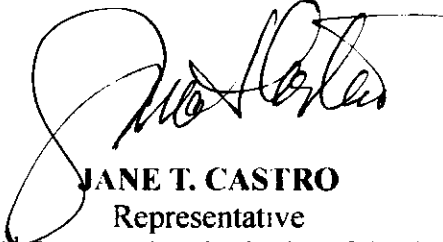
By reason of the increasing volume of patients and with the objective to enhance the quality of health care services rendered, the Capiz Provincial Government through the very strong support of the Department of Health, established a new hospital at Brgy. Lanot, Roxas City, Capiz. The establishment of the new DOH-HFEP funded hospital commenced in the year 2010, with 280 bed capacity. At present, the services offered in the new facility are the following: Out-Patient Department which the Animal Bite Treatment Center, We CARE Clinic and Treatment Facility (for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control), Capiz Eye Center and Newborn Continuity Clinic, and the Gugma Para sa Capiz Dialysis Center.

It is unfortunate that the financial capacity of the Capiz Provincial Government cannot fully support the essential changes, provision of necessary equipment and medical facilities or devices, and maintain operational costs of the Capiz Medical Center in Lanot, Roxas City, Capiz. As a matter of fact, the recent evaluation of the actual project accomplishment vis-à-vis the target project accomplishment shows that the Province needs the amount of five hundred thousand thirty six thousand five hundred pesos (P 536,500.00) to bring the construction to completion. However, the Internal Revenue Allotment or IRA of the Province does not suffice the required funds for the completion of the Capiz Medical Center and the additional requirements mandated by governing agencies such as specialized employee training, equipment upgrade and other areas of expertise. The financial limitation of the Capiz Provincial Government to complete the Capiz Medical Center and maintain its operations can be attributed to other equally important services and programs, including the operations of the four (4) district hospitals, for the welfare of the general public.

In addition, the Project Inspection Report of the Regional Project Monitoring Committee VI facilitated by the National Economic and Development Authority VI states that, *Section 2.f: Given the tertiary hospital's requirements, the Capiz PLGU cannot effectively operate the hospital. Therefore, it is recommended for turnover to Department of Health upon completion.*

With the management, operation and supervision of the Capiz Medical Center by the Department of Health, the hospital can now advance by increasing bed capacity, enhancing diagnostic services, introducing residency training programs in Pediatrics and Obsterics and Gynecology, and evolve into a specialized hospital that can be the designated Apex Hospital for Capiz, Aklan, Romblon, Masbate and Northern Iloilo, in addition to Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City, the only Apex hospital in Region VI.

With the passage of this bill, we ensure that the hospital will remain adequate and sufficient to the growing health care needs of our people. In this light, the passage of this bill is imperative and earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people, and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall give adequate, accessible and affordable primary, secondary, and tertiary health services for all its citizens.

Section 2. Objectives.–

- (a) To provide easy, affordable, and timely access to tertiary health care for the Filipino people of the province of Capiz especially the underprivileged, the poor, disabled, women and children, and as resources would allow, free medical care to indigent citizens;
- (b) To provide teaching, training and research facilities for students in medicine, nursing, therapy, x-ray technology and other allied health profession in the province of Capiz through the Capiz Medical Center;
- (c) To promote, encourage, and engage in scientific research in the prevention of diseases and the care and treatment of patients and related activities, including the grant of scholarships and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars, and conferences; and
- (d) To provide other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and rules of the Universal Health Care Act.

Section 3. There shall be established a medical center at Brgy. Lanot, Roxas City, Capiz to be known as the Capiz Medical Center under the supervision, control and management of the Department of Health.

Section 4. The Department of Health in consultation and coordination with local government officials concerned shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 5. Scope. – Upon completion of the Capiz Medical Center, the Capiz Provincial Government shall turnover the same to the Department of Health. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, particularly the operations of the Capiz Medical Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations or parts whereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.