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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 379



Introduced by Representative JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 15 mandates:

"SECTION 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

This bill seeks to convert the Bukidnon Provincial Medical Center (BPMC) in Malaybalay, Bukidnon into a 300-bed, tertiary-level public hospital to be known as the Bukidnon Regional Hospital, while simultaneously modernizing its facilities and services. The hospital will be placed under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

The BPMC last underwent expansion on January 10, 1992, when Republic Act No. 7189 increased its capacity from 100 to 150 beds. Based on the 1990 census of the Philippine Statistics Authority, Bukidnon's population was approximately 844,000 at that time.

Census figures in 2020 show that Bukidnon's population has significantly grown. With a population of 1,541,308 in 2020, the current 150-bed capacity is inadequate to meet the province's healthcare needs. Hence, upgrading BPMC to a 300-bed facility is therefore both timely and necessary.

Moreover, operational constraints at the BPMC limit its capacity to deliver urgent and advanced medical and surgical services to address emergencies. Patients needing further medical intervention are often referred to Cagayan de Oro or Davao City which can be time-consuming and burdensome. Thus, modernizing and converting BPMC into a 300-bed, tertiary-level public hospital will enable it to effectively cater to the various health needs and demands of Bukidnon's growing population.

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

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BUKIDNON PROVINCIAL MEDICAL CENTER
IN MALAYBALAY CITY, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A REGIONAL
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS BUKIDNON REGIONAL HOSPITAL,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150)
TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS MODERNIZING ITS FACILITIES AND
SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Bukidnon Provincial Medical Center in Malaybalay, Bukidnon shall be converted into a regional hospital to be known as "Bukidnon Regional Hospital", upgrading and modernizing its facilities and services, which shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. The bed capacity of Bukidnon Regional Hospital shall be increased from one hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be with its development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

SECTION 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Bukidnon Regional Hospital are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase of its bed capacity as provided under Section 2 hereof

Approved,