



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 380



Introduced by Representative JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to “protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”. Further, Article XIII, Section 11 mandates the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, making essential goods, health, and other social services available to all people at affordable cost.

The Philippine healthcare system continues to face significant challenges, most notably highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic, which underscored the urgent need for a more decentralized, resilient, and inclusive healthcare system. On August 24, 2023, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. signed into law Republic Act No. 11959 or the Regional Specialty Centers Act, which mandates the Department of Health (DOH) to establish specialty centers in its hospitals across regions, making healthcare more accessible to all Filipinos nationwide.

Based on the 2020 Census, Northern Mindanao is the 9th most populous region in the Philippines. The accessibility of specialty centers that can cater to highly difficult cases is limited. Moreover, the distance of the specialty hospitals from some of its covered provinces has made specialty care a difficult commodity.

The establishment of a multispecialty hospital will address the need for better specialty services, complementing the plan of upgrading the provincial hospitals of the region. The City of Malaybalay is the most strategic area to cover the population of Northern Mindanao and may establish a co-sharing mechanism with areas in Region 11 that are in close proximity.

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

JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES
2nd District, Bukidnon



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 380

Introduced by Representative JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LUNG, TROPICAL DISEASE,
REHABILITATION AND GERIATRIC MULTISPECIALTY HOSPITAL
IN THE CITY OF MALAYBALAY, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE
KNOWN AS THE MALAYBALAY MULTISPECIALTY 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, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a lung, tropical disease, rehabilitation and geriatric multispecialty hospital in the City of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon, to be known as the Malaybalay Multispecialty Hospital.

SECTION 2: Any increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Head of the Institution approved by the Department of Health to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SECTION 3: The Department of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4: Within (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, The Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation consistent with the Hospital Development

Plan.

SECTION 5: If any provisions of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with 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 any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.