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HOUSE BILL NO. 395



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enshrined in the 1987 Constitution, under Article II Section 15, is the right to health of the people. It mandates the government to protect and promote this right through access to quality healthcare services and facilities.

With funding support from the Province of Davao Oriental, the Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center does its best to cater to the citizens of the province and neighboring provinces. However, the province has been experiencing a consistent increase in its population in the past years with limited fiscal resources. Consequently, at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, the hospital encountered extraordinary challenges that stretched its resources to effectively and efficiently serve the medical needs of patients.

Moreover, health care is also vulnerable to the local political landscape and changing priorities of the current administration of the local government unit. The LGU's focus change depending on the priority programs they deem to be important. In some cases, they may prioritize education or social work, leaving little funding for other things such as health care.

With the passage of this bill, it is hoped that quality health care will be provided to the people of Davao Oriental and her neighboring communities. Upgrading and better maintenance of government health services and facilities are also foreseen with the transfer of responsibility for health care to the national government, as well as the strengthening of professional health manpower that is responsive to the people's needs.

A similar version of this bill was filed by this representation and it was passed in the Third and Final Reading in the 19th Congress and approved by the committee on March 1, 2023. Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES OF THE DAVAO ORIENTAL PROVINCIAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION. 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Re-Nationalization of
2 the Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center Act."

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4 **SEC. 2. Re-nationalization of the Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center.** -
5 The Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center (DOPMC) is hereby re-nationalized which
6 shall be under the full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of
7 Health (DOH); *Provided*, That the present funding support of the province is continued.
8 (DOH).
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10 **SEC. 3. Appropriation.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
11 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
12 enactment into law and thereafter.
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14 **SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of Health shall
15 promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this
16 Act.
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18 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force
20 and effect.
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22 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and
23 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
2 in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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4 *Approved.*