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HOUSE BILL NO. 718

Introduced by REP. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1 This bill seeks to convert the Bislig District Hospital in Bislig City,
2 Surigao del Sur into a medical center known as the Bislig City Medical
3 Center, increasing its bed capacity to five hundred (500) beds from fifty
4 (50) beds.

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6 The 1987 Constitution under Section 11, Article 13 provides that the
7 State shall adopt a comprehensive approach to health development which
8 shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services
9 available to all the people at affordable costs. It is also adopted as a State
10 policy under Section 15, Article 2 that the State shall protect and promote
11 the right to health of the people.

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13 The demand emanating from the adjoining municipalities and the
14 growing population of Bislig City has drastically swollen. Presently, the
15 Bislig District Hospital can no longer cope with the increasing demand for
16 hospital rooms, modern medical facilities and additional health care
17 services. Hence, there is an evident need for the district hospital to upgrade
18 its facilities and hospital bed capacity.

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20 For the aforementioned reasons, the undersigned submits this bill
21 for the consideration of this august body.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BISLIG DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF BISLIG,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS
THE BISLIG CITY MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Bislig District Hospital in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao
2 del Sur, is hereby converted into a medical center to be known as the Bislig City
3 Medical Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the
4 Department of Health (DOH).
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6 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Bislig City Medical Center shall be
7 increased from fifty (50) to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity
8 shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the
9 Chief of Hospital of the Bislig City Medical Center and submitted to the DOH.
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11 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Bislig
12 City Medical Center shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the
13 increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
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15 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the Bislig City Medical Center, which includes
16 doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.
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18 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of
19 Hospital of the Bislig City Medical Center, and in coordination with the Secretary of the
20 Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service
21 Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.
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23 **SEC. 6.** The DBM shall, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial
24 Government of Surigao Del Sur, determine the cost of the renationalized functions
25 relative to the operations of the Bislig District Hospital, which shall be charged to the
26 current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Province of Surigao Del Sur. Thereafter,
27 such amount shall be allocated to the DOH, chargeable against the IRA of the
28 Provincial Government of Surigao Del Sur.
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30 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
31 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
32 annual General Appropriations Act.
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1 **SEC. 8.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
2 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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4 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent
5 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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7 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
8 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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 Approved,