



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 774

Introduced by Representative Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution requires us to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them; Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code requires the coordination of the National Government and Local Government in the implementation of government programs; the Supreme Court in Mandanas-Garcia ruling recognized the capability of our local governments in the delivery of important government services, and from which, Executive Order 138, Series of 2021 was issued in recognition of the said jurisprudence.

The COVID-19 pandemic took lives, livelihood, and opportunities. Moreover, it exposed our status in the delivery of medical services, which unfortunately, unveiled the incapacity of the number of hospitals across the country to accommodate the surge of patients. In fact, during the onslaught of the coronavirus-delta variant in the middle of year 2021, nearly a fifth of hospitals in the country were close to full capacity. In Quezon City alone, we had to improvise different buildings, like hotels and universities, as temporary isolation and quarantine facilities for COVID19 patients.

With this view, this bill will address our shortcomings in the medical sector. This will establish a district hospital in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City, which will be known as Tandang Sora Hospital and Medical Center. This hospital will accept more patient and promote health living. This measure will also recognize the capability of the Quezon City government to assume its new role in the medical sector.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN BARANGAY TANDANG SORA, QUEZON CITY, A GENERAL
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TANDANG SORA DISTRICT 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 in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City, a general hospital to be known as the Tandang Sora District Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Quezon City Local Government.

SEC. 2. The Local Government of Quezon City shall manage the Tandang Sora District Hospital, and prepare, in consultation with the Department of Health, a hospital development plan that is aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

SEC. 3. The Local Government of Quezon City shall provide the necessary funds for the establishment of the Tandang Sora District Hospital, including acquisition of land, maintenance, and other operating expenses.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall provide the necessary funds for the medical, diagnostic and laboratory equipment necessary to establish a general hospital, and shall include in the department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the hospital.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,