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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 906

Introduced by **HON. JOHN TRACY F. CAGAS**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TWENTY-FIVE (25) BED CAPACITY IN THE CITY OF DIGOS,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DIGOS CITY
DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

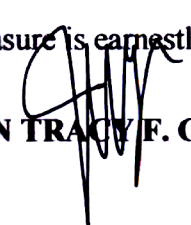
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XVIII, Sec. 11, provides that “The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

The City of Digos has a total land area of two-hundred, eighty seven square kilometers (287 km²) and twenty-six barangays, it is the biggest contributor to the total population of the province of Davao del Sur. Establishing a district hospital in the City of Digos which aims to focus on kidney-related diseases will give access to a systematic healthcare facility and enhance the capability of the provincial hospital not only for the marginalized and indigent people of Digos but also of nearby municipalities, specifically Sta. Cruz, Hagonoy, Bansalan, and Matanao and other provinces. These municipalities are the most populous in the province of Davao del Sur and shall ensure the accessibility of free healthcare services to its people with a total population of 281,274 (PSA,2020). According to the same census, the population of the province of Davao del Sur is 680,481 who can all similarly avail of the services of health institutions.

With its population growth and its location in the province, the demand and need for basic social services like health institutions also increases. The provincial hospital and its personnel has been serving the people of Davao del Sur and establishing a district hospital will augment the capacity of both the hospital and its health personnel, ensuring an effective and efficient healthcare system in the province. This bill has been filed during the 19th Congress but was left pending with the committee.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the City of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur, a seventy-five(25) bed capacity hospital to be known as the Digos City District Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall include in its program the funding for the implementation and operation of the Digos City District Hospital in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Within sixty(60) days from the effectivity of this act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.

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

Approved,