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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 908



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

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE DAVAO DEL SUR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL SUR MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

This bill seeks to upgrade the Davao del Sur Provincial Hospital, located in Digos City, Province of Davao del Sur into a modern and fully- equipped 300-bed capacity tertiary health provider to be known as the Davao del Sur Medical Center.

It is the policy of the State to “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 underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

The upgrading and modernization of the provincial hospital will further strengthen the government’s commitment to provide pro-poor programs in providing better health facilities and services to the people of Davao Del Sur. Placing this health institution under the supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH) shall also ensure the provision of the necessary funding, upgrading of facilities, trainings of manpower complement and the over-all improvement in the efficient delivery of health care.

In view of the policy of the state to deliver social services like health care, and to provide access not only to the people of Davao del Sur but in the nearby provinces as well, the approval of this bills is intently recommended.


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

SECTION 1. The Davao del Sur Provincial Hospital in the City of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary hospital to be known as the Davao del Sur Medical Center (DSMC), which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the DSMC shall be increased to three-hundred (300) beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented for a period of two (2) years from the approval of this Act. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the DSMC shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the DSMC, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased accordingly.

The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the DSMC, and in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,