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Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1072**



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Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

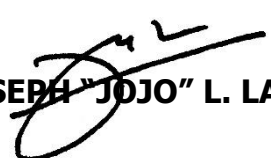
This bill seeks to create a specialty hospital in the Municipality of Amulung, Province of Cagayan to be known as Cagayan Valley Mother and Child Specialty Center which will be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). The proposed specialty center will cater specifically for the care of mothers, women and children and all their health and medical concerns.

Health is a fundamental right of every Filipino. Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution 15 declares that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Also, Article XIII Section 11, on Social Justice and Human Rights on Health, declares that it is the responsibility 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 under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, **women, and children**. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Cagayan occupies the northeastern tip of the country. It has a total land area of 9,398.07 sq. km. and is about 480 kilometers from Manila. It has an estimated population of 1,268,603 as of the 2020 PSA census, of which, 49% are women and 35% are children (0-17).

Currently, there is no specialty center for mothers and children in the entire Cagayan Valley Region. Mothers and children needing specialized treatment need to go to Metro Manila to receive medical attention. Considering that majority of Cagayanos would benefit from having a specialty hospital nearby, the creation of one becomes necessary.

In this regard, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AMULUNG, PROVINCE OF  
CAGAYAN, A BASIC COMPREHENSIVE SPECIALTY CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MOTHER AND CHILD SPECIALTY CENTER, 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 the Municipality of Amulung, Province of Cagayan, a basic comprehensive specialty center to be known as the Cagayan Valley Mother and Child Specialty Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

**SECTION 2.** The Cagayan Valley Mother and Child Specialty Center shall serve as apex or end-referral facility at the regional level providing an array of basic comprehensive clinical services and capable of conducting clinical public health. It shall prioritize prenatal testing, obstetrics and gynecological services, pediatrics care, lactation programs, nutrition services, neonatal care, immunization services, postpartum depression support, education classes for parenting and women's and children's health awareness.

**SECTION 3.** 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.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

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

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

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

Approved,