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House Bill No. 1251

Introduced by Representatives Albert S. Garcia and Jernie Jett V. Nisay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Among the policies enunciated by the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act is the adoption of a health care model that provides all Filipinos access to a comprehensive set of quality and cost-effective, promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services without causing financial hardship, and prioritizes the needs of the population who cannot afford such services.¹ Within this framework, the UHC seeks to ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk.² To realize this objective, it is essential that the desirable ratio of hospital beds to population be at least approximated.

Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2006-004 recommends a ratio of at least one (1) hospital bed for every 1,000 population. At present, there is no hospital in the Municipality of Limay. The nearest general hospital is the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center located in Balanga City which, hampered by limited resources and facilities, is currently operating with at 101.93% bed occupancy rate as of December 2023. While a 100-bed general ward was recently added to the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital by Republic Act 11288 approved on 12 April 2019, the addition as well as the programmed implementation of five years may not even be adequate to address the growing health care and medical needs of the more than 130,000 population of the Municipality of Mariveles.

Limay is an industrial growth area and presently hosts major industries such as the Petron Bataan Refinery, Planters Products, Inc., Columbian Carbon Philippines, Philippine Explosives, National Power Corporation, Asea Brown Boveri, Limay Bulk Handling Terminal and the Limay Grinding Mills. It is also the site of the Government Arsenal where a proposed Special Defense Economic Zone will be established.

¹ Section 2(b), Republic Act No. 11223.

² Section 3(b), *Id.*

With the rapidly growing population of more than 70,000 substantially increased by workers of the abovementioned industries coming from all over the country, the urgent need for a medical facility within the municipality cannot be overemphasized. The proposed district hospital will provide quality and affordable medical and health care needs not only for the residents of Limay but also those of nearby municipalities.

Support for this bill is therefore earnestly sought from our colleagues.



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIMAY GENERAL 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 the Municipality of Limay, Province of Bataan, a fifty-bed capacity general hospital to be known as the Limay General Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital, in coordination with the DOH.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the hospital shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this Act into law and every year thereafter.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health, in consultation and coordination with the local government officials concerned, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. 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.

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

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.