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HOUSE BILL NO. 2103



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE ARNULF BRYAN "ARNIE" B. FUENTEBELLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 15 of the Art. II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that:

"Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Likewise, Sec. 11 of Art. XIII of the same Constitution also provides:

"Section 11. 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."

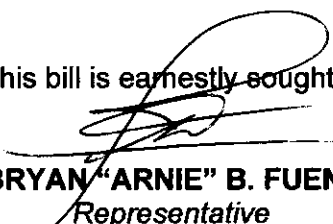
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Our President re-emphasized these general principles upon signing Republic Act No. 11959 into law, which directed the establishment of specialty centers in Department of Health hospitals in every region government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) specialty hospital.

For context, the Bicol Medical Center (BMC) – Camarines Sur's premier state-sponsored hospital – is 40 kilometers away from the Municipality of Tigaon, the municipality nearest Naga City. It will take our constituents at least an hour under normal circumstances to receive specialized natal care. Given the importance of neonatal and postnatal care, the Fourth District of Camarines Sur will greatly benefit from the establishment of a specialized medical center on a location greatly accessible to the people of the Partido District.

This bill was filed in the 19th Congress and has already been approved on third reading by the House of Representatives as of 22 January 2025 and was transmitted to the Senate on 23 January 2025.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGAON, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR A BASIC COMPREHENSIVE SPECIALTY CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE TIGAON 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 Tigaon, Province of Camarines Sur, a basic comprehensive specialty center to be known as the Tigaon Mother and Child Specialty Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH) and with a bed capacity of at least one hundred (100).

SECTION 2. The Tigaon Mother and Child Specialty Center shall serve as an 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, pediatric care, lactation programs, nutrition services, neonatal care, immunization services, postpartum depression support, educational 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 in this Act, the funding for 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.