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HOUSE BILL NO. 2482



Introduced by
Representatives MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA, MNSA and LEONEL D. CENIZA

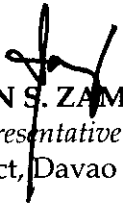
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution is unequivocal in its declaration that the State is mandated to "protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Further, Section 11, Article XIII of the same sacred document provides that the "State shall adopt and integrate 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" and, likewise, "there shall be priority to the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children."

In the President's first State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand E. Marcos, Jr. reinforced this state policy by saying that specialty hospitals located in Metro Manila, namely, the Philippine Heart Center, the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, the Lung Center of the Philippines, the Philippine Orthopedic Center, and the Philippine Cancer Center, and the like, should have branches in various regions of the country to realistically make quality health care affordable and accessible to our people. This aligns the country's health agenda with the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, which are proving to be challenging tasks for the country to achieve. The COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted the need to develop a more effective healthcare system for Filipinos.

This bill operationalizes the administration's health thrust by establishing a specialty hospital in the Province of Davao de Oro. The medical facility will complement the existing health facilities in the province, which are of limited capability and capacity. Likewise, Davao de Oro is a strategically placed province that can cover Regions XI and XIII, where a large portion of the population is deprived of such health services.

The passage of this timely bill is most respectfully sought to realize the most urgent medical needs of our people.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO
TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DE ORO SPECIALTY HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a specialty hospital in the Province of Davao de Oro, to be known as the Davao de Oro Specialty Hospital.

SECTION 2. Any increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities of the said specialty hospital shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Head of the Institution approved by the Department of Health to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulation for its effective implementation consistent with the Hospital Development Plan.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, 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 any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,