

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **2668**



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**Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL THREE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ORMOC CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a Level III regional hospital in the City of Ormoc, under the supervision and control of the Department of Health, in partnership with the local government unit (LGU) of Ormoc City.

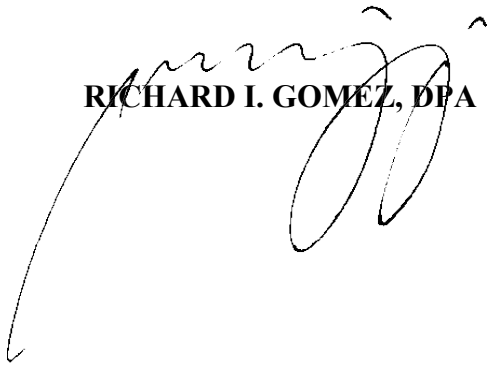
At present, the only government-owned hospital in Ormoc is the Ormoc District Hospital, which is a Level I hospital with a bed capacity of 100 beds. Supplementing the area's hospital bed capacity are two (2) private hospitals, which are both classified as Level II. Patients requiring care of a Level III hospital have to go to Tacloban City.

The State is committed to ensuring the well-being and welfare of its people. Healthcare is an essential aspect of human development, and it is the duty of the State to make this basic right available to every Filipino, regardless of socioeconomic status. In fact, the 1987 Constitution declares accessible healthcare to all Filipino citizens as a basic human right.

This bill addresses the pressing need for adequate and quality healthcare facilities that caters not only to the indigent residents of Ormoc City but extends its reach to underserved, indigent populations in greater Western Leyte, Southern Leyte, and other nearby areas.

Ormoc City Regional Hospital shall provide a comprehensive range of medical and healthcare services, including but not limited to diagnosis, treatment, surgeries, and other medical interventions.

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



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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, a Level Three (tertiary) general hospital to be known as the Ormoc City Regional Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the local government unit (LGU) of Ormoc City.

**SEC. 2.** There shall also be developed a specialty or multi-specialty center in the Ormoc City Regional Hospital in accordance with DOH guidelines.

**SEC. 3.** 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 DOH, in partnership with the LGU of Ormoc City.

**SEC. 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.

**SEC. 5.** The LGU of Ormoc City shall provide appropriate and adequate land to serve as the site to be developed as the Ormoc City Regional Hospital.

**SEC. 6.** 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. 7.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified 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,*