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House Bill No. 2678



Introduced by Honorable ALFONSO V. UMALI JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution ensures the right of every Filipinos to health. As categorically stated in Section 15, Article II thereof, *“the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”*

This bill seeks to convert the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH) in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, into a Regional Hospital.

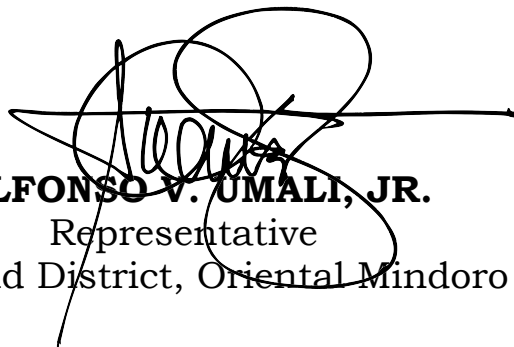
At present, the OMPH operates as a service and training-oriented tertiary medical facility managed by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro. It serves as the main referral hospital for patients and medical cases requiring tertiary specialty medical care from different provincial government satellite hospitals and Rural Health Units in the province. However, facilities, equipment, medicines, medical supplies, and even health professionals and specialists are not sufficient to accommodate the needs of its clients. Most of the time, patients, especially those under critical conditions, are being transported to private hospitals or even to Batangas or Manila in order to get the health services required of their condition.

Given the rapidly-increasing population in the Province of Oriental Mindoro, not to mention designation of the province as the Regional Center of MIMAROPA, the need for medical services proportionately increase. Indispensably, the government health

care service providers should be more in keep with such realities and the standard of health services they provide have to be at par globally. Hence, the OMPH, being the catchment hospital catering the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Romblon, shall be upgraded

The increase in bed capacity and upgrading of the OMPH into a Regional Hospital can accommodate more patients and thus provides better access to quality and affordable health care services for the people.

As compared to building and establishing a new Regional Hospital, converting the existing OMPH into a regional hospital is the more rational and practical option in order to address the immediate health care concerns not only of the people of Oriental Mindoro but of those nearby provinces too.



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**“AN ACT CONVERTING THE
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IN CALAPAN CITY, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO
INTO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS
MIMAROPA REGIONAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

SECTION 1. The Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro shall be converted into a regional hospital to be known as “MIMAROPA Regional Hospital” which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. The bed capacity of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital shall be increased to at least five hundred (500) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with its hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

SECTION 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase of its bed capacity as provided under Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 4. The existing workforce of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel,

shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SECTION 5. The DBM, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro, shall determine the cost of renationalized functions relative to the operations of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital from its current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and thereafter, and cause the allocation of the same to the DOH chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the DOH 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 7. 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 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.