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1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ilocos Norte continues to face critical challenges in delivering accessible and comprehensive tertiary healthcare services. Existing government hospitals are routinely burdened by high patient volume, driven not only by the province's population but also by referrals from adjacent localities. This overextension compromises both quality and timeliness of care. To address this, this legislative measure seeks to establish the Mariano Marcos State University Hospital (University Hospital), a Level 3 tertiary healthcare institution to be located within the premises of the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) in the City of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte.

The proposed University Hospital is thus envisioned as a strategic and transformative intervention. It shall decongest existing healthcare facilities, increase service coverage, and provide equitable access to quality medical care, particularly for marginalized and geographically isolated communities in Northern Luzon. At full maturity, it will offer advanced diagnostic, therapeutic, intensive, and subspecialty clinical services, and serve as a vital component of the Universal Health Care system through an integrated referral and service delivery network.

Significantly, the measure adopts a dual-service framework. This proposed hospital shall also serve as a teaching, training, and research institution for MMSU's College of Medicine and College of Health Sciences. This will facilitate the hands-on training of future physicians and allied health professionals in a clinical setting that emphasizes community-oriented, primary care-driven, and ethically grounded practice.

The establishment of the Mariano Marcos State University Hospital thus represents a forward-looking investment in public health, education, and regional development. It will bolster the healthcare delivery system, strengthen institutional health capacity, and serve as a cornerstone of inclusive, research-informed, and community-based healthcare in the Ilocos Region and beyond.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL, A LEVEL 3 HOSPITAL AT THE MARIANO MARCOS STATE
UNIVERSITY, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Mariano Marcos State University Hospital Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to to promote and protect the right to health of all citizens and to ensure accessible, equitable, and quality healthcare services across the country. In furtherance of this policy, the State affirms the strategic role of educational institutions in expanding healthcare infrastructure and human resources. The establishment of hospitals within academic institutions shall improve community health outcomes and strengthen the integration of medical education, research, and clinical services.

SEC. 3. Establishment. - The Mariano Marcos State University College of Medicine (MMSU-COM) in the City of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte, shall establish a Level 3 hospital. This facility shall be designated as the "Mariano Marcos State University Hospital" (hereinafter, the "University Hospital").

SEC. 4. General Mandate. The University Hospital's establishment shall alleviate congestion in the proximate tertiary hospital, foster medical research, and advance community health. It shall serve as a primary provider of healthcare services to the university and surrounding communities, a training and research facility for MMSU-COM and other health-related academic units, and a support institution under the Universal Health Care framework. It shall address the congestion of existing public hospitals, contribute to community-based healthcare development, and support the advancement of medical and health science education and research.

SEC. 5. Objectives. - The University Hospital shall pursue the following objectives:

- (a) To deliver comprehensive primary healthcare services to MMSU students, faculty, staff, and residents of Batac and adjacent municipalities, thereby ensuring access to quality medical care for the entire community;
- (a) Provide accessible and comprehensive healthcare services to MMSU students, personnel, and residents of Batac and neighboring municipalities;
- (b) Function as a teaching and training hospital for MMSU's medical and allied health students, offering clinical exposure and research opportunities;
- (c) Undertake innovative medical and health sciences research that contribute to national and regional healthcare advancement;
- (d) Deliver preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative healthcare services in collaboration with relevant agencies of the government and the private sectors; and
- (e) Reduce patient congestion at the nearby hospitals and medical institutions and improve the overall healthcare service delivery network in Ilocos Norte.

SEC. 6. Initial Implementation. - The University Hospital shall commence operations as a Level 1 hospital, upon compliance with Department of Health (DOH) standards for such classification. It shall implement a phased development strategy, pursuant to a Hospital Development Plan, to progressively upgrade its services and facilities toward Level 3 status. MMSU and the DOH shall jointly formulate the Hospital Development Plan, as outlined in Section 10 of this Act.

SEC. 7. Hospital Facilities and Services. The Hospital shall be equipped with the requisite facilities and shall provide the following services, commensurate with its operational level:

- (a) Emergency and Trauma Services;
- (b) General and Specialized Medical Services;
- (c) Maternal and Child Care;
- (d) Women's Health Services;
- (e) Intensive and Neonatal Intensive Care;
- (f) Respiratory Unit;
- (g) Ambulatory Surgical Services;
- (h) Surgical and Maternity Care;
- (i) Dialysis Services;
- (j) Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy;
- (k) Nutrition Services;
- (l) Dental and Oral Health Care;
- (m) Animal Bite Treatment;
- (n) TB DOTS Program;
- (o) Blood Banking;
- (p) Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiologic Services; and
- (q) Pharmacy Services.

SEC. 8. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - The Hospital shall comprise five (5) fundamental organizational units, namely:

- (a) **Chief of Hospital.** This official shall oversee the hospital's overall management and administration, including the formulation of policies, plans, programs, and strategies to ensure adherence to health standards. The Chief of Hospital shall ensure quality healthcare, maintain high standards of clinical training for medical and allied health personnel, and manage the daily operations of all functional units.
- (b) **Medical Service.** This unit shall provide high-quality outpatient and inpatient care, maintain high standards of clinical training for medical and allied health personnel, offer ancillary and allied health services, promote research activities, and implement a clinical resource management system. It shall also advise and support the Chief of Hospital in policy, plan, and program development. Medical doctors within this unit shall serve as full-time physicians, allocating twenty (20) hours per week to teaching and twenty (20) hours to clinical services, totaling forty (40) hours per week.
- (c) **Nursing Service.** This unit shall implement nursing programs focused on total quality healthcare, deliver nursing care to patients, and develop, coordinate, and implement relevant training programs for nursing personnel.
- (d) **Hospital Operations and Patient Support Service.** This unit shall provide administrative services, including personnel management, administrative records management, property and supply management, general services, engineering, and security.
- (e) **Finance Services.** This unit shall provide financial services pertaining to budgeting, accounting, cash operations, billing, and claims.

For purposes of this Act, a plantilla of the following positions shall be created, in accordance with the Revised Organizational Structure and Staffing Standards for Government Hospitals, excluding positions already available under the auxiliary service for health and wellness of MMSU. All positions in the auxiliary service for health and wellness shall be transferred to the University Hospital.

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT	POSITION TITLE	SALARY GRADE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF HOSPITAL	1 Chief of Hospital II	SG 25
	Administrative Officer II	SG 11
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
MEDICAL SERVICE		
Outpatient	1 Medical Officer IV*	SG 23
	1 Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Emergency Room	1 Medical Officer IV	SG 23
	1 Administrative Assistant II	SG 8

Clinical Units	5 Medical Specialist	SG 23
	4 Medical Officer IV	SG 23
	2 Medical Officer III*	SG 21
	2 Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Clinical Laboratory	1 Medical Specialist	SG 23
	1 Medical Technologist II	SG 15
	2 Medical Technologist I	SG 11
	1 Laboratory Technician I	SG 6
Radiology	1 Medical Specialist II	SG 23
	1 Radiologic Technologist II	SG 13
	1 Radiologic Technologist I	SG 11
Dental	1 Dentist II *	SG 17
	1 Dental Aide *	SG 4
Health Information Management		
Admitting/Information		
	1 Admin Officer III	SG 14
	2 Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Pharmacy		
	1 Pharmacist II	SG 15
	1 Pharmacist I	SG 11
Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy Services		
	Physical Therapist II	SG 15
	Physical Therapist I	SG 11
	Occupational Therapist	SG 11
NURSING SERVICE		
Outpatient	1 Nurse V	SG 20
	1 Nurse I *	SG 11
Emergency Room	2 Nurse II *	SG 15
	1 Nurse Attendant	SG 4
Clinical Units	1 Nurse III *	SG 17
	2 Nurse II*	SG 15
	2 Nurse I	SG 11
	2 Nurse Attendant	SG 4

Delivery Room	1 Nurse II	SG 15
	1 Midwife I	SG 9
	1 Nursing Attendant	SG 6
HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AND PATIENT SUPPORT SERVICE		
	1 Administrative Officer V	SG 18
	1 Administrative Assistant I	SG 7
Procurement, Property, and Supply	Administrative Officer III	SG 14
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Physical Planning and Development Office	Administrative Officer III	SG 14
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Engineering and Facilities Management	Engineer III	SG 19
	Engineer II	SG 16
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Housekeeping/Laundry	2 Administrative Aide II	SG 4
	2 Administrative Aide I	SG 3
FINANCE SERVICES		
Accounting	1 Accountant III	SG 19
	1 Accountant III	SG 16
	1 Administrative Assistant I	SG 8
Billing and Claims	Administrative Officer II	SG 11
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8
Cash operations	Administrative Officer III	SG 14
	Administrative Officer I	SG 10
	Administrative Assistant II	SG 8

**Existing Plantilla Positions at MMSU.*

Additional plantilla positions shall be determined by MMSU, in consultation with the Hospital management, DOH, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Civil Service Commission (CSC), as bed capacity increases to Level 2 or 3.

SEC. 9. Governance. The University Hospital shall operate under the direct supervision and control of the MMSU Board of Regents (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). The Board's powers are delineated in Presidential Decree No. 1279, entitled "Merging The Mariano Marcos Memorial College Of Science And Technology And Northern Luzon State College Into A State University To Be Known As The Mariano Marcos State University, Transferring The College Level Courses Of Ilocos Norte Agricultural College And Ilocos Norte College Of Arts And Trades Into Said University, Providing A Charter For The Purpose, And Appropriating Funds Therefor," and other applicable laws and regulations, unless subsequently amended.

SEC. 10. Administration and Supervision. - The Chief of Hospital shall be appointed by the MMSU Board of Regents upon recommendation of the Dean of MMSU-COM and approval of the University President, subject to CSC and Board qualifications. The Chief of Hospital shall be assisted by duly appointed medical and support personnel.

MMSU and the Chief of Hospital, in consultation with the DOH, shall prepare a Hospital Development Plan containing timelines and benchmarks for facility upgrades, staffing needs, budgetary estimates, and service capacity expansion.

SEC. 11. Faculty of the College of Medicine. - Medical specialists and medical officers of the University Hospital shall constitute part of the core faculty of MMSU-COM in accordance with CHED and CSC guidelines.

SEC. 12. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act in the fiscal year immediately following its enactment into law, and thereafter.

SEC. 13. Separability Clause. Should any provision or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 14. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or portions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,