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TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3313



Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the Provincial Hospital in the City of Danao, Province of Cebu from a Level I Hospital into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the North Cebu Medical Center (NCMC), to increase its bed capacity from fifty (50) beds to one hundred (100) beds, upgrade its professional health care services and facilities, and authorize its medical personnel.

The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 8275, which was previously filed in the 18th Congress on December 16, 2020 and subsequently transmitted to the House Committee on Health. It was approved subject to evaluation of the Committee on Appropriations but no further action took place until the end of the 18th Congress. In the 19th Congress, the same bill was filed as House Bill No. 107 on June 30, 2022, and was later on transmitted to the House Committee on Health. However, up to the present, the proposal has not materialized.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that 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 the people at affordable cost.

Relatedly, Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."

Currently, the Fifth District of Cebu houses the Cebu Provincial Hospital – Danao City. It is a Local Government Unit (LGU) – Government Level 1 Hospital, and under this bracket level, such cases referred to this facility do not require intensive care units (ICUs), and cater to patients who need minor care and supervision.

There is a need for a higher quality of care in the Fifth District of Cebu. While the Vicente Sotto Hospital in Cebu City caters to the whole Province of Cebu, unfortunately, Cebuanos living in far-flung areas have little or no access to higher level of health care. There is a need for higher

1 level facilities such as an ICU for critically ill patients and specialist doctors for gynecology and
2 pediatric services, which can be availed of by going to a Level II or III Hospital.

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4 Considering the need to expedite the upgrading of the Cebu Provincial Hospital in Danao
5 City that will serve the current and immediate future health care needs of the Province of Cebu, it
6 is in the public interest that this measure be approved immediately.

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8 Hence, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.



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15 **AN ACT**
16 **UPGRADING THE CEBU PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF DANAOS,**
17 **PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS**
18 **THE NORTH CEBU MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY,**
19 **UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES,**
20 **AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND**
21 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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23 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
24 assembled:

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26 Section 1. The Cebu Provincial Hospital in the City of Danao, Province of Cebu, is hereby
27 upgraded into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the North Cebu Medical Center (NCMC),
28 under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).
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30 The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from fifty (50) to
31 one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital
32 development plan which shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the NCMC and
33 submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.
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35 Section 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the NCMC are
36 also hereby upgraded to conform with and to be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as
37 provided for in Section 1 hereof, consistent with the hospital development plan.
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39 Section 3. The existing workforce of the NCMC, including doctors, nurses, and support
40 personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act, consistent with
41 the hospital development plan.
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43 The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and
44 the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with the management of the NCMC, shall
45 determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.
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1 Section 4. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
2 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
3 General Appropriations Act.
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5 Section 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall
6 promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR), upon consultation with the Provincial
7 Government of Cebu and other stakeholders. The IRR shall be implemented and consistent with
8 the hospital development plan.
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10 Section 6. If any provision of this Act may be declared invalid or inoperable, the remaining
11 provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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13 Section 7. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or
14 parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
15 or modified accordingly.
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17 Section 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
18 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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