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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3541



Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'BOJIE' G. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to health is guaranteed for every Filipino.

No less than the Constitution mandates that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people". (*Section 15, Article II, 1987 Constitution*).

Likewise mandated is the State's duty to ensure quality healthcare remains accessible. As such, the Constitution enjoins the State to "adopt an integrated 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. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers." (*Section 12, Article XIII, 1987 Constitution*).

The Cauayan District Hospital is a core-referral hospital and a Level 1 Health Facility serving a catchment¹ area comprised of Cauayan City, and the municipalities of Luna, Reina Mercedes, Ramon, Cabatuan, Naguilian, Angadanan, Alicia, Palanan, San Guillermo, Aurora, San Mateo, San Mariano, and Benito Soliven.² It also regularly holds medical and dental missions in the afore-listed local government units.

¹ A "catchment" is the area served by an institution, such as a hospital.

² Accomplishment Report of the Cauayan District Hospital for the Period January to December 2018.

The Hospital serves a large area, even catering to non-member municipalities. But at present it only has an authorized bed capacity (ABC) of 50 beds³ and an actual/ implementing bed capacity of 100 beds.⁴ Clearly, there is an urgent need to strengthen the Cauayan District Hospital's capacity to serve.

This bill seeks to achieve this through the following: (a) conversion of Cauayan District Hospital into a general hospital to be known as the Central Isabela General Hospital under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health, (b) augmentation of the hospital's authorized bed capacity to 200, and (c) inclusion of the hospital's funding requirements in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In order to ensure the continued provision of quality health care by the Cauayan District Hospital to the people of Isabela, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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³ Accomplishment Report of the Cauayan District Hospital for the Period of January to December 2024.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CAUAYAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
CAUAYAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Cauayan District Hospital in the City of Cauayan, Province of Isabela, is hereby converted into a general hospital, to be known as the Central Isabela General Hospital (CIGH), and shall be placed under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Central Isabela General Hospital shall be increased from fifty (50) beds to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Central Isabela General Hospital and submitted to the DOH.

SECTION 3. The Central Isabela General Hospital's existing professional healthcare services and facilities shall also be upgraded to conform to and be commensurate with the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 2.

SECTION 4. The existing workforce of the Central Isabela General Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the Central Isabela General Hospital, and in coordination with the

Secretary of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include the implementation of this Act in the Department's program, 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 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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,