



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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **3555**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
RENATIONALIZING THE CAVITE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LOCATED
IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, PLACING
UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mental health has become a pressing public health concern in the Philippines, affecting millions of Filipinos across the country. In 2023, Dr. Cornelio Banaag, Jr., stated that mental illness is one of the most common disabilities in the country, with at least 3.6 million individuals affected. In a study published by Wilfredo Francis F. Mina II, he stated that mental disorders affect 11.3% to 11.6% of the population, or around 12.5 million Filipinos. Yet, the availability of mental health professionals remains severely limited, with only one worker for 100,000 people. This is a gap that continues to hinder access to timely and adequate care.

In Region IV-A, the CALABARZON Regional Development Plan 2023-2028 recognizes the urgent need to improve healthcare infrastructure. Through the Health Facilities and Equipment Enhancement Program (HFEP), the provincial governments and the Department of Health (DOH) are working to expand and modernize health facilities. The Cavite Center for Mental Health, located in Trece Martires, has been identified as one of the priority hospitals under this program.

This bill seeks the renationalization of the Cavite Center for Mental Health by placing it under the full supervision and control of the DOH. This will ensure consistent funding, upgraded facilities, and improved services aligned with national and regional mental health strategies. Strengthening this institution is a critical step toward closing the mental health service gap in Cavite and realizing the broader goals of the HFEP.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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CRISPIN DIEGO "PING" D. REMULLA



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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Cavite Center for Mental Health in the City of Trece Martires,
2 Province of Cavite, is hereby renationalized and/or returned to the management, supervision,
3 and control of the national government, particularly the Department of Health.

4 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department of Health’s program
5 the implementation of this Act, existing expenses, and all other expenses hereafter, the funding
6 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7 **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health,
8 in consultation with the Provincial Government of Cavite, shall promulgate the necessary rules
9 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
11 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation

Approved,