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House Bill No. 3662



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE IAN PAUL L. DY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill aims to establish a public hospital to be known as **ISABELA THIRD DISTRICT HOSPITAL**, with five hundred (500) bed capacity under the direct supervision and subsidised by the Department of Health.

As envisioned in the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act of 2019, every Filipino particularly the underprivileged shall have a service delivery of a primary care oriented and integrated health care system. Hence, the establishment of a public hospital in the Municipality of Alicia shall be a considerable relief to the growing population and will efficiently address the increasing medical and health challenges of the five (5) municipalities, 167 barangays of the Third District of Isabela and other disadvantaged areas/ municipalities. The Municipality of Alicia is geographically located and considered a business and financial district.

Presently, there are only two (2) Level III Hospitals in the province of Isabela, the **Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC)** situated at Santiago, Isabela, twenty six (26) kilometers away and an hour travel from Alicia, Isabela, and the **Gov. Faustino N. Dy Sr. Memorial Hospital** situated in Ilagan City, Isabela, a two (2) hour travel from Alicia Isabela, even farther from other municipalities of the Third District of Isabela. Despite the presence of three (3) community hospitals, multiple private hospitals, and nearby district hospitals, there remains a shortage of equipment and resources needed for comprehensive medical care. With

poverty remaining a significant barrier, patients in need of intensive care often cannot access private hospital services. This demonstrates the critical need for government investment in accessible and well equipped public hospitals to support emergency and life saving interventions.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALICIA, PROVINCE
OF ISABELA, TO BE KNOWN AS ISABELA THIRD DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, a five hundred (500) bed capacity hospital in the Municipality of Alicia, Third District of the Province of Isabela, in accordance with the standards of the Department of Health, to be known as ISABELA THIRD DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health shall provide funding for the establishment and operation of the ISABELA THIRD DISTRICT HOSPITAL. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program the operation and maintenance of the said hospital in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall issue a written assurance that the personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that funds for its maintenance and operation have been appropriated.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act within sixty (60) days from effectivity.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,