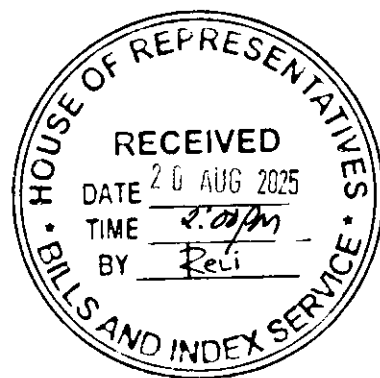




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HOUSE BILL NO. **3891**

Introduced by **Representative Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Level III General Hospital with a capacity of two hundred (200) beds in Zamboanga City, to be known as the Zamboanga City General Hospital.

The First Legislative District of Zamboanga City faces a severe public health crisis marked by high rates of communicable diseases (e.g., dengue, respiratory infections, tuberculosis), non-communicable diseases (e.g., cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular conditions), trauma cases, and maternal and child health issues. These are exacerbated by the absence of a well-equipped and accessible hospital, making them the leading causes of death in the district.

In 2023, Zamboanga City recorded 6,640 deaths, the highest in the Zamboanga Peninsula, and 247 infant deaths. This underscores the urgency for improved maternal and child healthcare. Dengue also remains a persistent threat, with 4,028 cases reported city-wide and a 42% year-on-year increase in pediatric cases from January to May 2024.

The district's only hospital, Labuan General Hospital, is a Level I facility with a 100-bed capacity, currently operating at 112% occupancy. It lacks the infrastructure and space to expand, leaving over 1 million residents underserved.

Despite national health initiatives, including the Department of Health's Health Facility Enhancement Program, the health system in the city remains critically under-resourced. In fact, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed systemic issues such as overcrowding, inadequate facilities, and a shortage of medical professionals.

This measure is a vital step toward ensuring health equity, restoring dignity, and securing a healthier future for all Zamboangueños.

Let us bridge the gap and heal the distance.


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