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House Bill No. **4216**



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

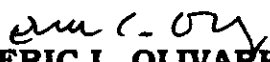
Health is a basic right of the people as guaranteed in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Specifically, Section 15, Article II mandates the Statute to promote the right to health of the people. Likewise, Section 11 of Article XIII mandates the States to make available health services to the people giving priority to the underprivileged, elderly, disabled woman, and children.

The City of Parañaque with an estimated population of 552,660 as per the 2007 Census is composed of 16 Barangays divided into two (2) legislative district with eight (8) barangays each.

To date, there is no available public health institution within the City of Parañaque to provide medical care to the underprivileged patients of the city. The nearest public hospitals is in Las Piñas District Hospital which is added transportation cost. On top of this, the limited capacity of the Las Piñas District Hospitals cannot fully cope with the large number of patients from the two cities.

With no public health institution, poor patients are forced to spend their meager income or hard earned money on expensive health services in private medical clinics and hospitals. Worse, those who cannot avail of these services in private health institutions are forced to opt for home remedies and quack doctors which further endanger their lives.

There is no justifiable reason as to why the State cannot fulfill the mandate of the Constitution in providing affordable and accessible medical care to the people of Parañaque City especially its poor residents. Improving the public health delivery system by establishing a District Hospitals within the city will likewise improve the service capacity of the present Las Piñas District Hospital by decongesting it of patients from Parañaque City.


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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE SERVICE CAPACITY OF THE OSPITAL NG PARAÑAQUE I IN
THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA FROM A FIRST LEVEL TO SECOND
LEVEL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The service capacity of Ospital ng Parañaque I in the City of Parañaque, Metro Manila is hereby upgraded from a first level to second level community hospital.

SECTION 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Ospital ng Parañaque I are hereby upgraded to conform to the increase in its functional capacity as a Second Level Community Hospital. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

SECTION 3. The City Government of Parañaque shall provide funding for the upgrading of the Ospital ng Parañaque I. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the said hospital.

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

Approved,