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HOUSE BILL NO. 4312

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, devolves health services to the Local Government Units (LGUs), making the latter in charge of the establishment and management of health facilities in their respective jurisdiction.

The Romblon Provincial Hospital (RPH) located in the Municipality of Odiongan, Province of Romblon serves as the primary referral hospital, responding to the medical and health care requirements of the entire province. However, the increasing demand for better health care services, modern facilities and highly specialized medical personnel necessitate the upgrading of the hospital's capacity and resources.

The Provincial Government of Romblon has exerted substantial resources and efforts in maintaining the operations of the RPH, but due to its limitations, it is constrained to fully provide the necessary health care services to our constituents. Thus, in case of emergencies, patients are referred to hospitals in Metro Manila, Batangas or other nearby provinces that would require the travel by boat for about eight (8) to ten (10) hours to the detriment of the patients and their family members.

The re-nationalization of the Romblon Provincial Hospital will ensure that the Department of Health (DOH) can directly fund, manage, and upgrade the hospital, thereby improving its services, facilities, and capacity to respond to emergencies and specialized health care needs.

Therefore, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
RENATIONALIZING THE ROMBLON PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ODIONGAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, PLACING THE
DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Romblon Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Odiongan, Province of Romblon, is hereby re-nationalized and/or returned to the management, supervision, and control of the national government, particularly the Department of Health.

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

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

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

Approved,