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HOUSE BILL NO. 4359



Introduced by
HON. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Mabini, Batangas, is widely recognized as a premier diving and coastal tourism destination in the country, attracting both local and foreign visitors year-round. However, the increasing influx of tourists, combined with the inherent risks associated with marine activities, calls for specialized and responsive healthcare services that can address tourism-related medical needs and emergencies.

This bill seeks to convert the existing Mabini Community Hospital into the **Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital** under the supervision of the Provincial Government of Batangas. The proposed measure increases its bed capacity from eighteen (18) to fifty (50) and upgrades its facilities, workforce, and equipment—including the maintenance of its hyperbaric chamber—to cater to illnesses, injuries, and accidents related to tourism activities.

The bill also mandates the hospital to maintain sufficient land and sea ambulances, improve emergency communication systems, coordinate closely with local tourism offices and establishments, and provide services to both tourism-related and non-tourism-related cases, including charity beds for indigent patients. Funding for operations will be sourced from the Provincial Government, while capital outlay support will come from the Department of Health.

By transforming the hospital into a tourism specialty facility, this measure aims to strengthen Batangas’ capacity to protect the health and safety of its visitors and residents, promote sustainable tourism, and contribute to the province’s economic growth.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABINI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, INTO A SPECIALTY
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS TOURISM SPECIALTY HOSPITAL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Mabini Community Hospital located in the Municipality of Mabini, Province of Batangas, is hereby converted into a specialty hospital to be known as the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital, and shall be placed under the direct supervision and control of the Provincial Government of Batangas.

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital shall be increased from eighteen (18) to fifty (50) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital, and submitted to the Department of Health (DOH)

SEC. 3. The Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital shall:

(a) Specialize as a tourism hospital with capability to admit and treat illnesses and disorders of transients and tourists and to address tourism-related accidents;

(b) Keep, maintain, and upgrade its hyperbaric chamber and all other medical equipment and supplies;

(c) Maintain sufficient number of land and sea ambulances and fast communication facilities to enable the hospital to quickly respond to tourism-related emergency calls;

(d) Maintain sufficient number of specialists, physicians, as well as technical and medical professionals including support personnel in accordance with the hospital development plan;

(e) Coordinate with the tourism offices of local government units within the Province of Batangas, as well as with legitimate tourism establishments and sites that are located and operating therein, to effectively address the medical tourism concerns of the entire province;

(f) Admit other patients and address non-tourism related cases within the catchment area of the hospital; and

(g) Accommodate indigent patients and provide charity beds in accordance with DOH regulations.

SEC. 4. The current health care facilities of the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital shall be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof. Similarly, the existing workforce of the hospital which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 5. The Provincial Government of Batangas shall provide for the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the additional human resource complement to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its service facilities and professional health care services.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Batangas Tourism Specialty Hospital.

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. Approved,

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