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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Bill No. 4584



Introduced by Representative

BRIAN POE, PhD, MNSA

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, A LEVEL
III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

MIMAROPA, or Region IV-B, is home to a population of 3,382,193, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Despite this sizable population, the region faces a critical healthcare gap: the complete absence of a tertiary-level hospital. The existing district hospitals are simply not enough to meet the complex medical needs of the residents. This forces patients from the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Romblon to travel to other regions, often to government tertiary hospitals, to receive specialized treatment.

This ongoing healthcare crisis highlights a significant need for a more robust medical infrastructure within MIMAROPA. The geographical challenges of transporting critically ill patients across islands to Manila or other major cities not only delays treatment but also places a heavy financial burden on families. To solve this problem, a legislative measure has been proposed to establish the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital, a Level III government hospital that will be situated in Oriental Mindoro. This new hospital would be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), ensuring it meets national standards for specialized medical care.

The establishment of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital is more than just a convenience; it is a vital step toward providing equitable healthcare access for the region's residents. By bringing a tertiary hospital directly to the people of MIMAROPA, this initiative aims to significantly reduce the risks and difficulties associated with medical travel, ensuring that specialized, life-saving care is readily available. The approval of this bill is therefore essential to bridge the current healthcare gap and improve the overall well-being of the more than three million Filipinos living in the region.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Province of Oriental Mindoro, a level III general hospital to be known as the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). The hospital shall be designated as one of the apex hospitals of the Southern Luzon regions.

SECTION 2. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. 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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