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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 5250



Introduced by: HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE OSPITAL NG MEYCAUAYAN IN THE CITY OF
MEYCAUAYAN, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MEYCAUAYAN CITY MEDICAL CENTER ,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH
CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS
MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Ospital ng Meycauayan into a Level 2 hospital to be known as the Meycauayan City Medical Center by increasing its bed capacity, upgrading its professional health care services and facilities, and increase its medical personnel. This bill also seeks to transfer the management, control and supervision of the hospital to the Department of Health.

The Ospital ng Meycauayan is a tertiary hospital with currently a 25-bed capacity located in the City of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan. It was established on June 29, 2022 by virtue of R.A. No. 11878 and it is under the control and supervision of the City Government. It formally opened its doors as an infirmary on December 11, 2024 and to ensure that patients will have a continuous access to health care, it started operating as a 24/7 infirmary since February 17, 2025. The hospital offers medical services particularly Emergency Care, Outpatient Care, Inpatient Care, Clinical Laboratory, Pharmacy, Hemodialysis Clinic and Ultrasound.

While it may seem that the Ospital ng Meycauayan is relatively young, the same has been serving the people of the City of Meycauayan since July 30, 2021 when it was initially inaugurated as a Dialysis Center. It was a crucial first step in providing life-saving treatment to residents of the City with chronic kidney disease. The hospital is also operating the City of Meycauayan Diagnostic Center. As per laboratory census from January to June 2025, around 4,700 patients availed of the services of the diagnostic center. The hospital has also provided health care services to around 4,613 OPD patients and 3,970 ER patients with 606 patients transferred to other hospital.

It is projected that patients served by the Ospital ng Meycauayan will increase in the coming months considering that the City of Meycauayan is a first class highly-urbanized city

and experiencing stable economic growth driven by its strong jewelry manufacturing sector. As of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), the City of Meycauayan has a population of 225,673 and a population growth of 1.86 percent. Further, the hospital also serves patients needing urgent care from its nearby Bulacan towns of Sta. Maria and Marilao as well as from Valenzuela City (NCR). It is worthy to note that the Municipality of Marilao has a population of 254,453 (2020 CPH) with a population growth rate of 3.67 percent and it is one of the municipalities with highest population growth in Bulacan. In summation, the effects of urbanization and rapid population growth will equate to increase in the demand for a government hospital that can provide adequate, affordable and quality health care services. This would also require increase in bed capacity, expansion of medical services offered, upgrading of facilities and medical equipment, and increase in the personnel staffing to accommodate and efficiently serve the Filipino people seeking medical attention at the Ospital ng Meycauayan.

Presently, the hospital has only 57 out of 129 personnel required for an Infirmary – Level 1 hospital. The conversion of the Ospital ng Meycauayan into a DOH controlled and supervised hospital is necessary to ensure that the health care services that the hospital shall be able to meet the demands of the people particularly on health care personnel and professionals. This will further ensure sufficient funding to sustain a top-quality health service that every Filipino deserves.

Support for the enactment of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

SECTION 1. The Ospital ng Meycauayan in the City of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan is hereby upgraded into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the Meycauayan City Medical Center (MCMC) which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased accordingly. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the MCMC and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the MMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof, consistent with the hospital development plan.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the MCMC, including its doctors, nurses, and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with the management of the MMC, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOH 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.

SEC. 5. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR), upon consultation with the City Government of Meycauayan and other stakeholders. The IRR shall be implemented consistent with the hospital development plan.

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

SECTION 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, 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 any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,