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HOUSE BILL NO. 5697



Introduced by HON. LEODY “ODIE” F. TARRIELA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines places great emphasis on health as a fundamental right of every Filipino. This translates to the State’s responsibility to protect and promote an equitable and accessible healthcare system through the provision of integrated, comprehensive, and affordable healthcare services to all Filipinos. As part of this endeavor, it is the main thrust of the current Marcos Administration to advance several hospital and healthcare infrastructure projects through the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP), Public-Private Partnerships, and new legislation.

In line with this constitutional mandate and in keeping with the administration’s main goals, this bill seeks the creation and establishment of a new Level II DOH Hospital in the municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro, which shall be known as the Occidental Mindoro General Hospital. In order to ensure the easy facilitation and construction of said hospital, the Local Government of Sablayan is willing to donate a lot for the specific use of the hospital.

Currently, the Province of Occidental Mindoro does not have a Level II Hospital, necessitating the need of the residents to travel outside of the province to avail advanced medical services. This increases the cost of availing medical care, as well as delaying treatment for emergent and urgent medical conditions. The creation of a Level II facility will significantly enhance the province’s capacity to manage complex and critical medical cases, bringing specialized medical services closer to the people, improving health outcomes, and fostering the development of a more capable and skilled healthcare workforce.

As such, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A LEVEL II DOH HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO GENERAL HOSPITAL, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

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

1 **Section 1. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect
2 and promote the right to health of all Filipinos, ensuring that a quality, equitable, and accessible
3 healthcare system is available to all.
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5 **Section 2. Creation.** A Level II DOH Hospital is hereby created, to be known as the
6 Occidental Mindoro General Hospital, in the municipality of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro,
7 which shall serve the residents of the province and provide them with specialized healthcare
8 services.
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10 **Section 3.** The Hospital shall be constructed on the piece of land donated by the Local
11 Government of Sablayan for this purpose.
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13 **Section 4. Bed Capacity.** The bed capacity of the Occidental Mindoro General Hospital
14 shall reflect bed capacity of a Level II DOH Hospital. Any increase in bed capacity shall be
15 consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital
16 and submitted to the DOH.
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18 **Section 5. Services and Facilities.** The Hospital shall contain the appropriate health
19 care services, equipment, and facilities to conform with its Level II distinction.
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21 **Section 6. Personnel.** The workforce of the Hospital, including medical, nursing, and
22 support personnel, shall correspond to the demands of a Level II Hospital. The Secretary of
23 Health shall, in consultation with the Chief Hospital, and in coordination with the secretary of
24 Budget and Management, the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, and other relevant
25 government agencies, determine the necessary additional positions to be created and filled.
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27 **Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Secretary of DOH shall
28 immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
29 included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Further, the Secretary shall, following six
30 (6) months of this Act's effectivity, promulgate the rules and regulations as may be necessary
31 for its effective implementation.
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33 **Section 8. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential
34 issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
35 accordingly.
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37 **Section 8. *Effectivity.*** This Act Shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after its complete
38 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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Approved,