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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5875

Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR F. CELESTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1st District of Pangasinan, which is composed of the City of Alaminos and the Municipalities of Agno, Anda, Bani, Bolinao, Burgos, Dasol, Infanta, Mabini, and Sual, known for the world-renowned tourist destinations, has become a bustling center of commerce and tourism in the Province of Pangasinan. For instance, Alaminos City owes a remarkable growth to its tourism industry, attracting more than 500,000 foreign and local tourists due to the famous Hundred Islands National Park. To further support the continuing progress of the district, government services such as the healthcare system must be upgraded and improved as well.

Presently, there exists no Level 2 hospital within the 1st District of Pangasinan. The present healthcare facilities in the district are either under-equipped or have been in the same capacity since its establishment. The increasing populations, coupled with all the existing challenges in the healthcare system, have led to overcrowded and overwhelmed hospitals, making the delivery of quality medical services impossible.

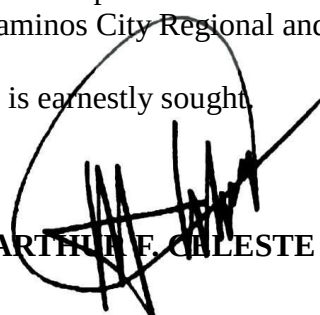
Moreover, it is also the intention of this representation to improve accessibility of the healthcare services, especially in the far-flung or underserved areas. Patients must not seek suitable treatment for complicated diseases or illnesses that they may have far from their hometowns. I am hoping that the proposed hospital will be able to cater to the specialized needs of Western Pangasinan and nearby towns, such as cardiac care, cancer treatment, and trauma care, among others.

Lastly, the influx of tourists to the 1st District of Pangasinan, specifically Alaminos City, due to its pristine beaches and vibrant culture, can be a factor in becoming a part of medical tourism hereafter.

To further reinforce the socio-economic development of the 1st District of Pangasinan, and to address the healthcare insufficiencies, the establishment of well-equipped and modern healthcare facilities is indeed imperative and timely.

Considering these factors, the government must address these inadequacies as soon as possible. This bill seeks to establish a Level 2 general hospital in Alaminos City, with a capacity of one hundred (100) beds, appropriately named the Alaminos City Regional and Tourism Hospital.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALAMINOS CITY REGIONAL AND TOURISM
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the City of Alaminos, Province of Pangasinan, a one hundred (100) bed capacity, Level 2 grade general hospital to be known as the Alaminos City Regional and Tourism Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of healthcare services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan, which shall be prepared by the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health (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.

SECTION 3. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid and unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect and force.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,