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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6603



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF LUCENA,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON, INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL
TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that, "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Towards this end, this bill, which will cater to the medical needs of the Quezon Province and its neighboring localities, seeks to convert the Quezon Medical Center into a tertiary level hospital and regional training center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

The bill seeks to increase its authorized bed capacity from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) beds amid the growing population of Quezon Province (1,950,459 based on 2020 Census).

This is the most opportune time to upgrade the QMC in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service in relation to the government's universal health care agenda.

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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Quezon Medical Center in the City of Lucena, Province of Quezon, is hereby converted into a tertiary level hospital and regional training center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Quezon Medical Center shall be increased from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) 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 Quezon Medical Center and submitted to the DOH.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Quezon Medical Center shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the Quezon Medical Center including doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the Quezon Medical Center, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 6. The DBM shall determine, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Quezon, the cost of the renationalized functions relative

to the operations of the Quezon Medical Center, from the current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Province of Quezon. Thereafter, such amount shall be allocated to the DOH, chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Quezon.

SEC. 7. 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. 8. 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.

SEC. 9. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,