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House Bill No. 6711



Introduced by Representative HON. ADRIAN JAY C. ADVINCULA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the State in protecting and promoting the right to health of the people and in instilling health consciousness among them. Article II, Section 15 explicitly provides that:

“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

Furthermore, Article XIII, Section 11 mandates 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.”

In line with these constitutional principles, this bill seeks to transfer the management, supervision, and control of the *Ospital ng Imus* from the City of Imus, Province of Cavite, to the Department of Health.

The *Ospital ng Imus* is a three-story, 130-bed capacity Level 1 general hospital that provides medical and health services to the people of Imus, and to its neighboring municipalities and cities, especially indigents and senior citizens. Its services include major and minor operations and other ancillary services such as X-ray, ultrasound, and laboratory.

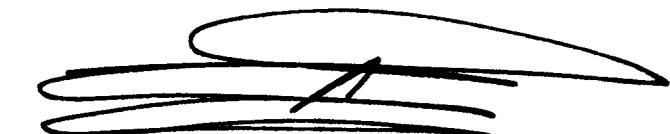
Pursuing the objective to provide adequate medical services, including curative, preventive, and promotive health care, at the local level, the Department of Health partly funded the construction and purchase of the medical equipment of the *Ospital ng Imus* through the Health Facility Enhancement Program. In 2018, the *Ospital ng Imus* was turned over to the City of Imus, and it started its operation on October 12, 2018.

The hospital was properly managed and financed by the City Government of Imus. However, when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in 2020, the City Government of Imus found it difficult to manage and finance the operation of *Ospital ng Imus* due to the challenging responsibility of implementing COVID-19 response and recovery interventions.

The transfer aims to ensure that the *Ospital ng Imus* operates under national standards of medical service delivery, thereby strengthening its capacity to provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care services not only to the residents of Imus but also to neighboring municipalities and cities in the Province of Cavite.

To ensure that the residents of Imus and other neighboring municipalities and cities continue to receive quality health care services, it is urgently necessary to transfer the management, supervision, and control of the *Ospital ng Imus* to the Department of Health.

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



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1 **AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION, AND**
2 **CONTROL OF THE OSPITAL NG IMUS FROM THE CITY OF IMUS,**
3 **PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**
4 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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8 SECTION 1. The management, supervision, and control of the Ospital ng
9 Imus in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite, are transferred to the Department of
10 Health to ensure adequate health facilities, professional health care, and delivery
11 of basic, essential, and specialized health services to the residents of City of Imus,
12 and the neighboring municipalities and cities of the Province of Cavite.

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14 SECTION 2. The health facilities, human resources, buildings, grounds,
15 records, equipment, liabilities, rights, and other assets of the Ospital ng Imus are
16 likewise transferred to the Department of Health, subject to the provisions of
17 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".
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19 The incumbent healthcare workers of the Ospital ng Imus are automatically
20 absorbed as personnel of the Department of Health without loss of seniority rights.
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22 SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act
23 is charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Health.
24 Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this
25 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SECTION 4. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended 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,