

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 9143



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GATTARAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, A BASIC COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-SPECIALTY CENTER UNDER THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. TOMAS NOLASCO, SR. MULTI-SPECIALTY CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the means to implement the constitutional mandate enunciated in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution¹ is to ensure that our health facilities, especially hospitals, in cities and provinces are improved and provided with adequate resources and support to serve the needs of the people.

For more than twenty-six (26) years, the Dr. Tomas Nolasco Sr. Memorial Hospital (DTNSMH) has served not only the ailing constituents of the municipality of Gattaran, Cagayan but also patients from neighboring towns of Alcala, Baggao, Lallo, Sto. Nino and Lasam. The DTNSMH, despite limited facilities and medical professionals, tried its best to accommodate patients from nearby municipalities.

However, the growing population and medical needs of the municipality of Gattaran and its nearby towns, and the absence of a nearby higher-level medical facilities emphasize the need to establish a multi-specialty center. Hence, the patients do not have to travel for long hours going to Tuguegarao City or other cities.

Accordingly, this bill seeks to convert the existing Dr. Tomas Nolasco Sr. Memorial Hospital in the Municipality of Gattaran in the Province of Cagayan into a Multi-Specialty Hospital under the direct supervision and control of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center.

Considering the laudable objective of this bill, its immediate passage is earnestly sought at the earliest time possible.


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¹ Sec. 11 the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development 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.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Gattaran, Province of
2 Cagayan, a basic comprehensive multi-specialty center under the Cagayan Valley Medical Center
3 (CVMC) to be known as the Dr. Tomas Nolasco, Sr. Multi-Specialty Center, which shall be under
4 the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

5 **SEC. 2.** The CVMC-Dr. Tomas Nolasco, Sr. Multi-Specialty Center shall serve as an apex or
6 end-referral facility, providing an array of basic comprehensive clinical services and capable of
7 conducting clinical public health services.

8 **SEC. 3.** Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and
9 human resources shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the
10 DOH.

11 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program
12 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act.

14 **SEC. 5.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts
15 or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

16 **SEC. 6.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with
17 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

18 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
19 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,