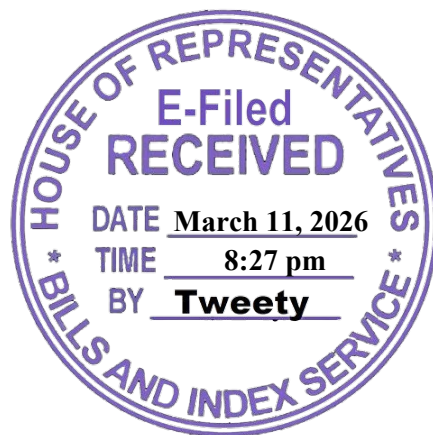




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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 164

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations March 11, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 8474

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 377

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Jane T. Castro

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 377 introduced by Rep. Jane T. Castro, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAPIZ MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8474, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE ROXAS MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY LANOT, CITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAPIZ MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 377, with Representatives Jane T. Castro, Howard A. Guintu, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



HON. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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HOUSE BILL NO. 8474

(In substitution of House Bill No. 377)

Introduced by Representatives Jane T. Castro, Howard A. Guintu, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE ROXAS MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY LANOT, CITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAPIZ MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Roxas Memorial Provincial Hospital in Barangay Lanot,
2 City of Roxas, Province of Capiz, is hereby upgraded into a Level III general
3 hospital to be known as the Capiz Medical Center (CMC), which shall be under
4 the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

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6 **SEC. 2.** Any future increase in the bed capacity of the CMC shall be
7 consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

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9 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
10 CMC shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the
11 increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

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13 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the CMC, which includes doctors,
14 nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly.

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16 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical
17 Center Chief of the CMC, determine the additional positions required for the
18 operation of the CMC, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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20 **SEC. 6.** Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this
21 Act, the DOH shall, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Capiz,
22 formulate a transition plan for the renationalization of the CMC. The transition
23 period for the renationalization shall commence immediately upon approval of
24 this Act.
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1 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
2 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
3 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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5 **SEC. 8.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
6 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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8 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations,
9 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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11 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
12 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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14 *Approved,*