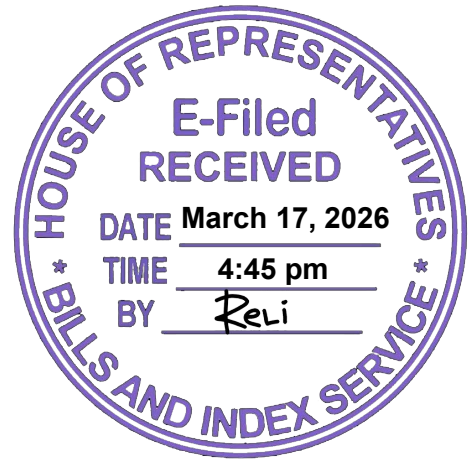




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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 221

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations **March 17, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **8622**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 287

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Laarni Lavin Roque

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 287 introduced by Rep. Laarni Lavin Roque, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY RESEARCH HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUKIDNON FARMERS RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER (BFRMC), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **8622**, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, A MULTI-SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUKIDNON FARMERS RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 287, with Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, 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. 8622

(In substitution of House Bill No. 287)

Introduced by Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, A MULTI-SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUKIDNON FARMERS RESEARCH AND 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.** There shall be established in the City of Valencia, Province of Bukidnon, a multi-
2 specialty hospital and research center to be known as the Bukidnon Farmers Research and
3 Medical Center (BFRMC), which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the
4 Department of Health (DOH).

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6 **SEC. 2.** The BFRMC may be initially be developed as a general hospital with at least Level II
7 capability to address the current service gaps, with provisions for future expansion into Level III
8 facility delivering relevant specialty services in Infectious Disease and Tropical Medicine,
9 Toxicology, and Trauma Care.

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11 **SEC. 3.** There shall be established a department for research on tropical medicine under the
12 BFRMC. The department shall have the following functions:

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14 a. Undertake research activities in the diagnosis, control, and prevention of tropical
15 diseases that are major causes of mortality and morbidity in the Philippines;
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17 b. Conduct clinical trials aimed at better understanding and control of tropical disease;
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19 c. Conduct regular training courses for medical and paramedical personnel in the control
20 of common tropical diseases in the country;
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22 d. Provide high quality tertiary care and treatment to both in-patients and out-patients
23 suffering from tropical diseases included within the scope of Research Institute for
24 Tropical Medicine (RITM);
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26 e. Apply for, receive, and accept bequests, grants, and donation of funds, equipment,
27 materials, and services needed for the attainment of its objectives; and
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29 f. Perform such other related activities as may be assigned by the Secretary of Health.

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2 The BFRMC shall enter into Memoranda of Agreement and cooperative arrangements with
3 institutions such as RITM and nearby apex hospitals such as Northern Mindanao Medical
4 Center and Amai Pakpak Medical Center.

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6 **SEC. 4.** Any future increase in the bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and
7 human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be
8 prepared by the DOH.

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10 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the
11 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act.

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14 **SEC. 6.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
15 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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17 **SEC. 7.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this
18 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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20 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or
21 in a newspaper of general circulation.

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23 *Approved,*