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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 431

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations June 2, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 9616

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 271

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 271 introduced by Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING DR. JORGE P. ROYECA CITY HOSPITAL IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY INTO A REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. JORGE P. ROYECA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9616, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE DR. JORGE P. ROYECA CITY HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. JORGE P. ROYECA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 271, with Representatives Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles, 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. 9616

(In substitution of House Bill No. 271)

Introduced by Representatives Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr.,
M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE DR. JORGE P. ROYECA CITY HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
GENERAL SANTOS INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN
AS THE DR. JORGE P. ROYECA REGIONAL 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 Dr. Jorge P. Royeca City Hospital in the City of General
2 Santos is hereby upgraded into a Level III general hospital to be known as the
3 Dr. Jorge P. Royeca Regional Medical Center (DJPRRMC), 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 DJPRRMC 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 DJPRRMC 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 DJPRRMC, 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 DJPRRMC, determine the additional positions required for
18 the operation of the DJPRRMC, 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 City Government of General Santos,
22 formulate a transition plan for the renationalization of the DJPRRMC. The
23 transition period for the renationalization shall commence immediately upon
24 approval of this Act.

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,*