



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9616

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAÑAS-NOGRALES, GATO AND SUANSING (M.A.)

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 (DJPRPMC), 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 DJPRPMC 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 DJPRPMC 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 DJPRPMC, 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 DJPRPMC, determine the additional positions required for
18 the operation of the DJPRPMC, 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 DJPRPMC. 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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