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Introduced by Honorable **GERALD ANTHONY V. GULLAS, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu into a 200-bed capacity tertiary hospital which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

SECTION 11 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides:

“Sec. 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which 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.”

A 25-bed capacity Level 1 general hospital, the Talisay District Hospital (TDH) was established on August 26, 1994 by virtue of Republic Act No. 7799. Initially, the hospital was envisioned to provide health services to the twenty-two densely populated barangays of Talisay City, the neighboring municipality of Minglanilla and City of Naga, which part of the First District of the Province of Cebu, and the accessible barangays of Toledo City. However, patients from neighboring municipalities and provinces of Cebu, Negros and Bohol and from Luzon and Mindanao are also seeking medical attention in TDH.

In consideration of the hospital's strategic location in Talisay City and being the favored destination of various sports enthusiasts, the hospital serves as the immediate health for trauma, vehicular accidents and the like. However, due to inadequate resources, such as human resource complements, and medical equipment and facilities, about 1,119 trauma cases in 2011 were referred to the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) in Cebu City. From January 1- June 30, 2012. TDH referred 2,083 trauma cases to VSMMC.

Converting the Talisay District Hospital into a tertiary hospital with an increased bed capacity will provide better health service and will greatly benefit the people not only in Talisay City but also of the neighboring areas in the Visayas considering the additional number of patients the hospital can accommodate. The hospital will be more proactive and responsive to the thrust of the DOH's "Kalusugan Pangkalahatan (KP)" and thereby better address the health needs of the most marginalized sector of the community.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TALISAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Talisay City General Hospital.

SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the Talisay City General Hospital is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to two hundred (200) beds.

The Secretary of the department of Health shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the Talisay City General Hospital over a period of five (5) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. The existing service capability, professional health care services and health human resource of the Talisay City General Hospital are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity as herein provided.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Republic Act No.7799 which first established the Talisay District Hospital is hereby repealed. All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,