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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4274



Introduced by **Representative Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the **Southern Isabela General Hospital (SIGH)** in Santiago City, Province of Isabela into a tertiary general hospital to be known as the **Southern Isabela Medical Center**.

This bill was approved and passed on Third Reading during the 16th Congress. In the Senate, Senator Aquilino “ Koko ” Pimentel III also filed a counterpart bill as Senate Bill No. 2915 . Both the House and the Senate Bills were approved by the Senate Committee on Health but unfortunately, its passage was derailed by the turn of events due to the campaigns and elections.


It is well to note that **SIGH**, from a mere 50-bed capacity Level 1 hospital is now a licensed 200-bed capacity Level 2 hospital. In 2014, SIGH was awarded with ISO certification. In 2015, it ranked number one (1) among the eleven (11) Level 2 hospitals in the country per DOH PBB Ranking. In terms of customer satisfaction rating, it garnered 93.58 % in 2013; 96.71% in 2014 and 99.11% in 2015. This year, it is set to surpass that record at 99.85% based on its third quarter performance.

The SIGH’s clientele includes not only the Province of Isabela, but likewise patients from Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Northern Ifugao and Aurora.

Guided by its mission to provide quality medical care that is equitable, affordable, safe and accessible to all, the **SIGH** offers medical services ranging from internal medicine, general pediatrics, obstetrics and general surgery, gynecology, anesthesiology and general dentistry.

The **SIGH** continues to endeavor to fulfill its commitment and vision to become a centre of medical excellence and a premier tertiary Department of Health hospital.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Southern Isabela General Hospital in Santiago City, Province of Isabela, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary general hospital to be known as the Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC) which shall be under the direct technical and administrative supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the SIMC is hereby increased from fifty (50) to three hundred fifty (350) beds.

The Secretary of the DOH shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the SIMC 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 SIMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in authorized bed capacity as herein provided.

The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall create regular plantilla positions for health personnel required of a medical center, in consultation with the DOH, with the corresponding increases in the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) and personal services (PS) for the SIMC.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of the DBM, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Republic Act No. 3138, establishing the Southern Isabela Emergency Hospital, and Republic Act No. 8338, upgrading it to Southern Isabela General Hospital are hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulation and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended 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,