This proposed measure seeks the establishment of a tertiary hospital in Valencia City Bukidnon to cater the medical needs of the people of the Province of Bukidnon.

Article VIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development that shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at all cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to pauper."

Providing a tertiary hospital in Valencia City will ensure the maintenance of health related exigencies not just in the Province of Bukidnon but also of the nearby provinces.

During the 17th Congress, this bill (HB 2553) was approved by the House and was transmitted to Senate with SB No. 2053. This bill is therefore refiled for the consideration of this Congress.

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Fourth District - Bukidnon
AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE TEODORO N. PEPITO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, a seventy five (75) bed capacity district hospital in the City of Valencia, Fourth District of the Province of Bukidnon, to be known as the Teodoro N. Pepito Memorial Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall provide funding for the establishment and operation of the Teodoro N. Pepito Memorial Hospital. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department’s subsidy program support for the capital outlay requirements of the said hospital.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,