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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Philippines

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First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3880



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Introduced by **Hon. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippine Constitution, Article XIII Section II states, "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. Section 11 was further reinforced by Section 12 which provides that, "The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems."

Barangay Lamidan is one of the poorest barangays of the lone district in the Province of Davao Occidental. The major means of livelihood is coconut and *kopra* as their byproduct. Most of the populace are workers in the coconut plantation including their children in order to augment their daily living, thus the children deprive their education opportunity. Except for the fortunate few, most of them are contented with their daily survival as long as they have food on the table with a nary thought on what their future will be.

It is not surprising that in their list of priorities, if there are any, health is at the bottom but is not totally excluded. Their health concerns are only given attention when someone is seeking medical treatment which is out of the purview of the *arbularyo's* expertise and one is claiming the death of one of their kin.

Establishment of a community hospital in Barangay Lamidan will surely attend to the health needs of these underprivileged people and is expected that their health problems will be truly attended to.

For the aforementioned reasons, passage of the Bill is earnestly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN**  
**BARANGAY LAMIDAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO,**  
**PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS LAMIDAN**  
**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be establish a ten (10)-bed capacity community hospital in Barangay Lamidan, Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental to be known as Lamidan Community Hospital under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Lamidan Community Hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,