EXPLANATORY NOTE

The fifth congressional district of Camarines Sur, more popularly known as the Rinconada District (composed of the Municipalities of Baao, Bula, Balatan, Buhi, Bato, Nabua and Iriga City) has several hospitals, almost all of which are privately-owned. In Iriga City, the only government hospital is the Iriga Maternity Hospital, Puericulture & Family Planning Center. For so long a time, people from Rinconada have been forced to avail of the services of private hospitals for their medical needs. In many cases, they still have to go to hospitals in Naga City, or in the Province of Albay, or in Metro Manila because the hospitals in Rinconada do not have the necessary medical equipment. Patients who cannot afford to pay do not have a choice but to go to public hospitals in Naga City and Legazpi City.

Our people in Rinconada are in dire need of a quality, affordable and accessible public hospital staffed by competent medical personnel and equipped with modern facilities so that their medical needs can be immediately and properly addressed.

If enacted into law, this bill will help ease the overcrowding of hospitals in or near the Rinconada area. Sick people, especially the financially-challenged, need not be brought to far and expensive hospitals. Most importantly, the health of the people of Rinconada will be efficiently attended to.

To this end, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7444  

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Introduced by HONORABLE ERIC GO YAP  

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN IRIGA CITY, CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, a 99-bed hospital in Iriga City, Province of Camarines Sur, to be known as the Iriga City District Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,