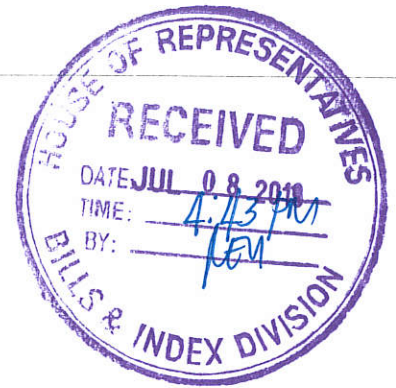


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House Bill No. 1617



Introduced by HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to health is one of the rights safeguarded by our 1987 Constitution in Article II Section 15. With this, the government is mandated to ensure that citizens must have access to quality health services and health facilities all over the country.

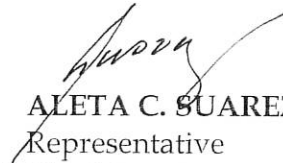
The Quezon Medical Center (QMC) has been catering to residents of Quezon and nearby provinces for more than 10 years. Located at the capital of the province, the QMC serves as a tertiary public hospital that handles illnesses requiring medical specialization and services using modern equipment. Today, with only a two hundred (200) bed capacity since its establishment, the hospital accommodates up to six hundred (600) patients at one time.

The Local Government of Quezon has been providing support to the hospital. However, this Representation believes that, more than that, there is a need to upgrade the facility and its services to keep up with the health care demands in the city, thereby allowing it to be more competent and responsive in providing health care and be at par with standards set nationally and globally.

This bill therefore seeks to address this lamentable situation by converting the hospital into a regional hospital and increase its bed capacity to three hundred (300). Through this, it is hoped that many patients can access quality and competent health care services and the general health of the population be improved.

This bill is re-filed from 17th Congress.

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



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1 AN ACT CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER IN LUCENA CITY,
2 QUEZON PROVINCE TO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS QUEZON
3 REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO INCREASE BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED
4 (300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The Quezon Medical Center in Lucena City, Quezon, shall be
7 converted into a regional hospital to be known as "Quezon Regional Hospital (QRH)", and
8 its bed capacity is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) beds.

9 **SEC. 2.** The existing health facilities, medical equipment, and professional health
10 care services are also hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the increase
11 of bed capacity as provided in Section 1 of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget
13 and Management and Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla
14 positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the QRH.

15 **SEC. 4.** The Department of Health, also, shall promulgate the rules and regulations
16 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

17 **SEC. 5.** The increase in bed capacity of the QRH from two hundred (200) to three
18 hundred (300) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from
19 the approval of this Act.

20 **SEC. 6.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
21 included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law
22 and thereafter.

1 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
2 in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the
3 Philippines.

4 Approved.