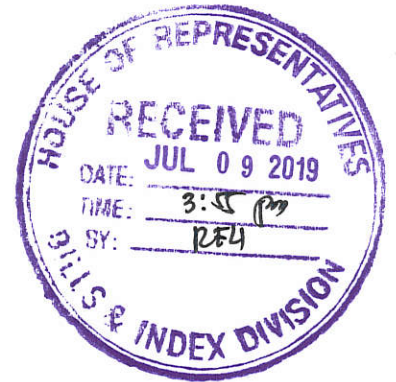


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House Bill No. 1777



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Explanatory Note

This Bill, which is entitled “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NAGUILIAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGUILIAN, PROVINCE OF LA UNION FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,” was **approved** by the House of Representatives during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress and was transmitted to the Senate on May 28, 2019. However, the Senate was not able to pass the Bill due to lack of time. Consequently, this Bill is being refiled.

The proposed upgrading of the Naguilian District Hospital becomes necessary due to the increasing population in the district as well as the distance between existing hospitals. The said Hospital caters mostly to residents of Naguilian, La Union, with a population of almost 70,000, and the nearby municipalities of Bagulin, Bauang, and Burgos, and other parts of Benguet province, all of which are composed mostly of indigenous people (IP). The town of Bagulin, for instance, is populated by more than 90% indigenous people. Unfortunately, the nearest government hospitals in La Union (i.e., La Union Medical Center in Agoon and Ilocos Training Regional and Medical Center in San Fernando City) are both an hour away. It would take much effort for the residents to come down from the mountainous areas to go to these hospitals in the lowlands especially during emergency situations.

The Naguilian District Hospital is steadfast in its goal of providing quality health care to the inhabitants particularly of the above-mentioned municipalities and other towns of La Union as well as the nearby provinces. Therefore, it is very crucial that the Hospital be able to increase its bed capacity, upgrade its services and facilities, and employ more medical personnel.

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

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THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital in the Municipality of Naguilian, Province of La Union is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds.

**SEC. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Naguilian District Hospital shall, as far as practicable, be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number of medical personnel. The Department of Health, in coordination with the concerned local government officials, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

**SEC. 3.** The increase in bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital from twenty-five (25) beds to fifty (50) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

**SEC. 4.** The Provincial Government of La Union shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay requirements of the hospital.

**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,*