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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1986**

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**Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a district hospital in Iligan City to be known as the Iligan City District Hospital.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides:

*“Sec. 11. 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.”*

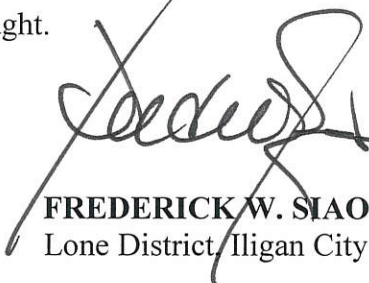
Iligan City is a highly-urbanized city in Northern Mindanao with a population of 342,618 inhabitants according to the 2015 census with an estimated 1.25% increase rate annually. It is geographically located in the province of Lanao del Norte but administered independently from the province. It was once a part of Central Mindanao (Region XII) until the province was transferred to Northern Mindanao (Region X) in 2001.

Of the seven (7) hospitals in Iligan City, only one, the Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital, also known as the “City Hospital,” is a government hospital, managed by the local government unit of Iligan City. Unfortunately, the city hospital of Iligan is not equipped with adequate medical equipment and services to cater to the health needs of the people.

With the establishment of the Iligan City District Hospital, residents of Iligan City will no longer need to endure and make the almost two-hour journey to Cagayan de Oro City just to avail better medical services, which further compounds their woes and financial burdens particularly in times of emergencies.

Realizing the utmost urgent medical needs of the residents of Iligan City, it is necessary that a district hospital must be established to serve as a better alternative for the people of Iligan.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN ILIGAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILIGAN CITY DISTRICT 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 established, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health, a district hospital in Iligan City, to be known as the Iligan City District Hospital.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Iligan City District hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation of the district hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations 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,