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HOUSE BILL NO. 2432



Introduced by Representative **ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the declared policy of the State enshrined in the Constitution that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall give primary, secondary and tertiary health services adequate, accessible and affordable to all the citizens.

The Kalinga Provincial Hospital through the years has tried to provide affordable services to the residents of the Province of Kalinga and its neighboring provinces. It has also been the only hospital of its kind in the province that caters to the needs of the citizens, and for several years now, the hospital has more than 100% bed occupancy rate. Thus, the inadequate equipment and resources of the hospital, as well as its already undermanned workforce are further thinly spread among its numerous patients and cannot address the more specialized services for complex diseases, illnesses and injuries of its patients consisting mostly of indigents and underprivileged members of the community. Most of the patients cannot afford to go to regional and specialized hospitals in the neighboring provinces and in Metro Manila, and thus confined themselves to the meager resources of the hospital.

The conversion of the hospital to a level three hospital under the supervision of the Department of Health and accordingly upgrading its capability, facilities and personnel, as well as increasing its bed capacity to three hundred, will firmly address the pressing medical needs of the poor and marginalized members of society. With the passage of this bill, the Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center as it will be known will be able to provide a more integrated, comprehensive, accessible and effective quality health care and services not only to the Province of Kalinga but also to its neighboring provinces of Isabela, Apayao, Ifugao, Mountain Province and Abra.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE KALINGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN TABUK CITY, KALINGA INTO A LEVEL 3 REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN CORDILLERA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center Act”.

SEC. 2. Conversion. – The Kalinga Provincial Hospital in the City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga is hereby converted into a Level 3 Regional Hospital to be known as the Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center (NCRMC), and shall be under the supervision, control and management of the Department of Health (DOH).

For this purpose, the bed capacity of NCRMC shall be increased to three hundred (300) beds.

SEC. 3. Upgrade of Facilities, Services and Increase of Personnel. – The hospital facilities and services of the NCRMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 of this Act, and consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a level 3 regional hospital.

The number of medical and service personnel, maintenance and other operating expenses of the NCRMC shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 2 of this Act

SEC. 4. Appropriations. – the Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the Provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.