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House Bill No. 2498



Introduced by **Rep. Doy C. Leachon**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to convert the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH) in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro into a regional hospital to be known as the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital and to upgrade its facilities to cater the medical needs of the people of the MIMAROPA region.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Article XIII, Section 11 of the same Constitution further provides that, "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 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."

These provisions of the Constitution highlight the fact that one of the government's basic responsibility is to deliver quality health care to Filipinos who embrace largely on the primary health care services offered by health centers and some primary-level hospitals up to secondary and tertiary-level health care.

To attain this, new hospitals should be established or the existing ones must be upgraded in areas where people depend largely on public hospitals for their health care needs and in areas where the population has practically increased but health services have not.

For the last three (3) years, OMPH wholeheartedly served 1,454 patients from nearby provinces. And with the increasing population of the Province of Oriental Mindoro and being the Regional Center of the MIMAROPA Region, more effective and efficient medical care services also increases.

The MIMAROPA Regional Hospital is presently a service and training-oriented tertiary medical facility being managed by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro. It has 150-bed capacity and serves as the catchment hospital for serious patients needing tertiary specialty medical care from satellite hospitals and the rural health unit in the province, as well as from its neighboring provinces.

Considering the above, it is now high time to increase the bed capacity of the MIMAROPA from One Hundred Fifty (150) to Five Hundred (500) beds. With this, the hospital will be able to address the health needs of the most marginalized sector not only in the province of Oriental Mindoro but also in the region.

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


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO UPGRADE ITS FACILITIES AND BED CAPACITY TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro is hereby converted into a regional hospital to be known as the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital.

SECTION 2. The existing hospital service facilities and professional health care services of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to its bed capacity which shall be increased from One Hundred Fifty (150) to Five Hundred (500) beds.

SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital is also increased correspondingly. The Department of Health in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital.

SECTION 4. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. 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.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.