

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5191



Introduced by Honorable Neptali M. Gonzales II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) located in the City of Mandaluyong the country's largest and oldest medical institution dedicated to the needs of people with various mental and nervous disorders. Established in 1925, it is located in a 64-hectare property within the Welfareville Compound.

From the time it opened its facilities to an initial 379 patients from the San Lazaro Hospital, NCMH has since expanded the coverage of its medical services to include not only a comprehensive range of preventive, curative, and rehabilitative mental health services but also other medical services through the NCMH Medical and Surgical Pavilion (with a bed capacity of 100), and a new hemodialysis clinic. It serves not only those who are confined in the NCMH, but also people from outlying areas who seek to avail of general tertiary hospital services.

With the broadening scope of the medical services now being provided by the NCMH, there is a need to establish a tertiary and general hospital that will address the medical needs of both in-patients and out-patients of the NCMH through the conversion of 300 beds of the current 4,200 beds of the NCMH. As a tertiary training and general hospital, the new facility of the NCMH will have four (4) major departments, namely Surgery, OB Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine. Residency and internship programs under each of these departments will also be offered, thus ensuring an efficient rotation of medical practitioners who will attend to the needs of the hospital's beneficiaries. Once established, the hospital would be able to serve the NCMH's 3,500 patients; 2,400 employees; and outpatients from Mandaluyong City, San Juan City, and Makati.

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

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NEPTALI M. GONZALES II

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TERTIARY TRAINING AND GENERAL
HOSPITAL OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANDALUYONG CITY GENERAL
HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a tertiary training and general hospital of the National Center for Mental Health located at Nueve de Febrero St., Barangay Mauway, City of Mandaluyong, to be known henceforth as the Mandaluyong City General Hospital.

Section 2. For this purpose, three hundred (300) beds of the four thousand two hundred (4,200) beds of the National Center for Mental Health shall be converted into the said medical facility.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mandaluyong City General Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the appropriation of the National Center for Mental Health; thereafter, the funds necessary for the hospital's continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. The Department of Health, through the National Center for Mental Health, shall maintain administrative jurisdiction over the Mandaluyong City General Hospital.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,