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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 6171



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The basic unit of functionality of a community is its people. According to Article XIII Section 11 of 1987 Constitution, 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.

Prior to the enactment of the Local Government Code, the Benguet General Hospital (BeGH) was once a general hospital under the supervision of the national government. Pursuant to the devolution of basic services including health and social services, the BeGH was then converted into a district hospital which was funded and administered by the Benguet Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU).

While the PLGU has its full support in the management of the hospital, they cannot accommodate all the needs of the hospital due to its limited budget. This bill seeks to revert the administration of the BeGH from the local government unit to the national government. This shall allow better focus on the provision and improvement of health services and facilities through sufficient funding.

More so, this bill seeks to increase and upgrade bed capacity of the institution in order to accommodate the growing number of population, and also the influx of nonresident patients availing of healthcare services. Currently, the BeGH serves as the referral center of all municipal hospitals in the province. Aside from its clientele in Benguet, BeGH provides healthcare services to those residing in Ifugao, Baguio, Abra, Mountain Province, Kalinga, and Apayao.

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

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AN ACT
RE-NATIONALIZING THE BENGUET GENERAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, PLACING
UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO FOUR HUNDRED (400)
BEDS, AND 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. The Benguet General Hospital in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, is hereby re-nationalized and/or returned to the management, supervision, and control of the national government, particularly the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The existing bed capacity of the Benguet General Hospital is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to four hundred (400) bed capacity.

SEC. 3. The hospital's operating fund and existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby increased and upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the re-nationalization.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The local government unit (LGU) concerned shall continue to provide funding for Benguet General Hospital until such time that their full funding is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. The Department of Health shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary in the implementation of this bill, upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Benguet and other stakeholders, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, and shall be implemented consistent with the Hospital Development Plan.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held unconstitutional, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,