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House Bill No. **3077**

Introduced by Representative Estrellita B. Suansing

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade, modernize and increase the current 25-bed capacity of the Guimba District Hospital in the Municipality of Guimba, Nueva Ecija into a 50-bed capacity secondary hospital.

The proposed legislation will increase the capacity of the Guimba District Hospital to provide quality health care services to the residents of the Municipality of Guimba with a population of 104,894¹ and a land area of 25,853 hectares.

Guimba District Hospital also provides its services to residents of neighboring municipalities. For more serious cases that have to be treated in tertiary hospitals where there are complete facilities and specialty health practitioners, patients are brought to Cabanatuan City. It is noteworthy that Cabanatuan City is almost 40 kilometers away from the town proper of Guimba, with a travel time of 35-40 minutes by private car. In emergency cases, 40 kilometers is a long way, and the 40-minute drive is a long time. Furthermore, the current road conditions and the varying traffic situations make it difficult for a speedy transport.

There is, therefore, a strong need to increase, improve and strengthen the capacity of the Guimba District Hospital in order to accommodate the large volume of people seeking medical attention, as well as owing its inaccessibility to the nearest major hospitals.

The improvement and upgrading of the Guimba District Hospital would give them the capacity to provide quality health care, better facilities and services, provide for and accommodate more patients at a time, and produce employment opportunities for health practitioners in the municipality.

Consistent with our government's program to improving the quality of life through promotion and implementation of universal health care for its people, this representation finds it necessary to improve aforementioned medical facility in Guimba.

Henceforth, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ 2012 NSO Census

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION AS WELL AS INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE GUIMBA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA FROM TWENTY-FIVE TO FIFTY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Guimba District Hospital in the Municipality of Guimba, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby modernized and upgraded from a twenty-five-bed capacity into a fifty-bed capacity secondary hospital which shall be under the direct technical operation and administration of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health shall issue and promulgate such rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the evaluation, approval and implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the Guimba District Hospital, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The local government unit concerned shall continue to provide funding for the Guimba District Hospital until such time that its full funding is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,