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HOUSE BILL NO. 6121



Introduced by **Reps. Janice Z. Salimbangon, Deputy Speaker Pablo John F. Garcia, Eduardo R. Gullas, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Vincent "Duke" D. Frasco, Emmarie M. Oano-Dizon, Paz C. Radaza, and Peter John D. Calderon**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer the management and operation of Bogo-Medellin Medical Center (BMMC) from Bogo-Medellin Sugarcane Planters' Association to the government thru the Department of Health to continue to provide adequate health care for the Filipinos and be established as general hospital in Medellin, Cebu to be named Bogo-Medellin Hospital.

BMMC, located in Barangay Luy-a in the municipality of Medellin Province of Cebu, is administrated by Bogo-Medellin Sugarcane Planter's Association. BMMC was created with a vision to attend to the medical needs of the sugarcane workers. Sooner, this initiative expanded to the citizens and constituents of the neighbouring towns, catering to their immediate medical needs as well. Since its establishment, BMMC has attended to the needs of the constituents of 4th District of Cebu; from its free medical services for the sugarcane workers, to attending the needs of the adjacent towns who seek medical help from the hospital.

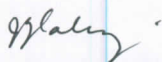
Unfortunately, due to the continuing economic downturn of the sugarcane industry, BMMC is burdened by financial constraints in keeping its operations afloat. Eighty percent of the current budget allocated by the Bogo-Medellin Sugarcane Planters' Association to the BMMC is already being eaten up by its operations and management alone, leaving only a mere twenty percent for the medicines, which is barely enough to cover the needs of the sugarcane workers, let alone the outsiders. Furthermore, the situation also prompts the hospital staff, such as doctor, nurses, and pharmacists to vacate their positions, which renders the hospital understaffed.

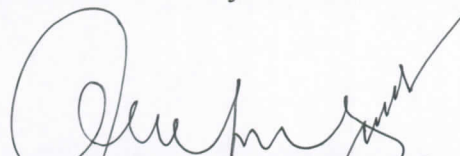
In light of this situation, the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Sugarcane Planters' Association decided to request for the transference of the management of the BMMC to the government to help alleviate its current condition. In a resolution dated on the 19th of November in the year 2018, the BOD expressed its willingness to enter into an agreement/contract or any undertaking with the government to ensure the future of BMMC.

The Board of Directors is very much willing to turn over the whole hospital including its facilities, equipments, and the lot which measures 3.46 hectares. Likewise, the secretary of the Department of Health, Hon. Francisco T. Duque III and DOH Regional Director for Region VII Dr. Jaime Bernadas, also expressed their willingness to absorb the BMMC to become a government hospital.

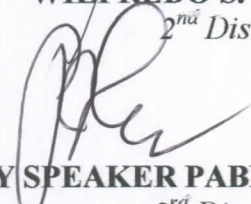
It is feared that if this situation continues; the hospital will close and the facilities and medical equipment will go to waste, and the constituents that the hospital currently serves will have to resort to other far flung hospital. The transference of the management of the BMMC will be mostly beneficial for the citizens who depend on the hospital for their basic medical needs. It would also be a waste of facilities and medical equipment if left unsupervised.


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

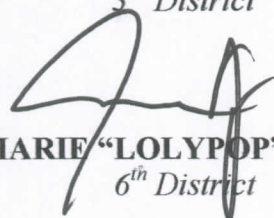

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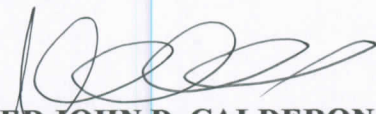

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a general hospital in Barangay Luy-a, Municipality of Medellin, Province of Cebu to be known as Bogo-Medellin Medical Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH)

Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program, the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Bogo-Medellin Medical Center, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DOH. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation and maintenance of the Bogo-Medellin Medical Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation consistent with the hospital development plan.

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,