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HOUSE BILL NO. 1846

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Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was filed in the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill No. 03430. It has been approved in the House of Representatives for three readings per House Committee Report No.: 00708. Consequently, transmitted to the Senate of the Philippines on May 28, 2015 and received by the Senate on the same date.

The proposed bill seeks to upgrade the Narra Municipal Hospital in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, from ten (10) bed capacity to one hundred (100) bed capacity, to be known as the Governor Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr. Memorial Hospital, and appropriating funds therefor.

The Narra Municipal Hospital was established under Republic Act 6917 in 1990 with a ten-bed capacity to provide medical services to the people of Narra and its neighboring municipalities. Narra is the second largest municipality in terms of land area and population in the province. It has a population of 65,264 people as of the 2010 census. Narra is also the center for agricultural trade in Southern Palawan. The municipality continuously attracts migrant families from more depressed areas of the country to settle therein.

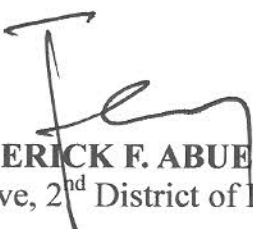
The current ten-bed municipal hospital in Narra is usually filled with confined patients catered by extremely limited equipment facilities and medical services. There are no provisions/facilities for serious medical condition, so the only recourse for patients is to travel for two hours to Puerto Princesa City where better hospital facilities are available.

Given the town's continued progress and increase in population, it needs critical improvement in its hospital services and health facilities. The proposed upgrade of the Narra Municipal Hospital into a Tertiary Hospital with a 100-bed capacity will significantly improve medical services to ensure public health and save lives in case of life-threatening diseases.

As a tribute to the former Governor of Palawan, the late Hon. Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr., who is deeply remembered as a sincere and dedicated public servant, as

well as the father of land settlement which later became the Municipality of Narra, it is likewise proposed that the hospital be named in his honor.

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



FREDERICK F. ABUEG
Representative, 2nd District of Palawan

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE NARRA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO ONE
HUNDRED-BED CAPACITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR
ALFREDO M. ABUEG, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Narra Municipal Hospital in the in the Municipality
2 of Narra, Province of Palawan, shall be upgraded into a one hundred-bed
3 capacity hospital to be known as the Governor Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr. Memorial
4 Hospital.

5 **SEC. 2.** The existing service facilities and professional healthcare
6 services of the Narra Municipal Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with
7 and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1
8 hereof.

1 **SEC. 3.** All personnel, records, assets and properties, including
2 buildings, sites, and improvements thereof, obligations, funds and
3 appropriations of the Narra Municipal Hospital are hereby transferred to the
4 Governor Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr. Memorial Hospital.

5 **SEC. 4.** The funds necessary for the continued operation and
6 maintenance of the Governor Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr. Memorial Hospital shall
7 be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
8 enactment into law and thereafter.

9 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the Department of Health shall issue such rules
10 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

11 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in
12 the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,