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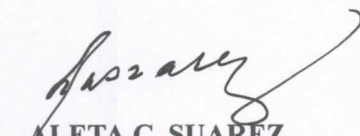
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prior to the enactment of the Local Government Code, the Bondoc Peninsula (BonPen) District Hospital was once a general hospital under the supervision of the national government. Pursuant to the decentralization of basic services including health and social services, the BonPen hospital was then converted into a district hospital which was funded and administered by the local government unit. Since then, the hospital depends on the share of the local government unit from the forty percent (40%) internal revenue allotment from the national government.

As years passed, the Bondoc Peninsula District Hospital has been regarded as one of the gatekeepers of health care in the southern part of Quezon. This 25-bed capacity primary medical facility caters to the residents of the Third District and nearby municipalities. Due to the large volume of patients, the hospital cannot cope with the high demand for medical services. The existing funds available are severely insufficient to provide the necessary health procedures and treatments to the rising number of patients. It should be noted that the internal revenue share of the LGUs are still apportioned to different priority programs of the LGU. As a result, medical personnel of the BonPen are compelled to make patient referrals to bigger and more specialized hospitals which are kilometers away from the district hospital. This then leads to additional expense on the part of the patients who are, to begin with, mostly indigents.

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of every Filipino and to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at an affordable cost. Pursuant to this mandate, this bill seeks to revert the administration of the Bondoc Peninsula District Hospital from the local government unit to the national government. This shall allow better focus on the provision and improvement of medical services and facilities, as well as ensure sufficient funding to sustain its operations.

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



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AN ACT
RE-NATIONALIZING THE BONDOK PENINSULA DISTRICT HOSPITAL LOCATED
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, PLACING
UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Bondoc Peninsula District Hospital in the Municipality of Catanauan, Province of Quezon, 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 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. 3. 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 Bondoc Peninsula District Hospital until such time that their full funding is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary in the implementation of this bill, upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Quezon and other stakeholders, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, and shall be implemented consistent with the Hospital Development Plan.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.