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House Bill Number 6372



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**Introduced by Representative MARISSA LOURDES M. ANDAYA**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Through the Local Government Code of 1991, major devolution of national government services was introduced with the noble intention of improving efficiency and effectiveness, by bringing government services to the grassroots level. Among the government services that have been devolved was the management and delivery of health services from the Department of Health (DOH) to the local government units.

Decentralization of health services aimed to increase responsiveness of health systems to local needs. It aimed to empower local management and transfer decision-making in the local level to better serve the constituents.

While the objective of the law was laudable, the negative effects that it has spawned led to the deterioration of some services in the health sector. As a result of the increased managerial control of local politics over technical health management, there has been a decline in the quality of infrastructure and service delivery, understaffing and unmaintained medical equipment.

This is particularly true in the case of Ragay District Hospital and Sipocot District Hospital in the First District of Camarines Sur. Patients in the municipalities of Ragay and Sipocot, including the nearby towns prefer to seek medical attention in Bicol Medical Center located in Naga City and in Bicol Region General Hospital and Geriatric Medical Center in Cabusao. Patients complain that the said district hospitals lack medical personnel, equipment and medicines, and infrastructure is not fully utilized. This is attributed to the fact that these hospitals do not receive the necessary funding support and appropriate technical supervision from the Provincial Government.

To abate the worsening condition of medical services in Ragay and Sipocot District Hospitals, this bill seeks to re-nationalize the management and control of said

district hospitals. By returning to the DOH the supervision of Ragay and Sipocot District Hospitals, it is expected that these hospitals will get the necessary funding support and supervision that they urgently need which will then improve the medical services, thereby increasing the people's confidence in seeking medical attention in a facility closer to their homes.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT RE-NATIONALIZING THE RAGAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND SIPOCOT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF RAGAY AND SIPOCOT, CAMARINES SUR, PLACING THE SAME UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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.** Both the District Hospitals located in the First District of Camarines Sur, namely Ragay District Hospital and Sipocot District Hospital, collectively referred to as District Hospitals, are hereby re-nationalized and placed under the control, management and supervision of the Department of Health.

**Sec. 2.** All records, assets, liabilities and personnel shall be reverted back to the National Government.

**Sec. 3.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the its enactment and thereafter.

**Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. 5.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act shall be declared to be invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**Sec. 6.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,