



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4278**

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**Introduced by Honorable Gerald Anthony V. Gullas, Jr.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu into a medical center to be known as the Talisay City Medical Center, increasing its bed capacity from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds.

Section 11 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides:

*“SEC. 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”*

A 250-bed capacity Level 3 general hospital, the Talisay District Hospital was established on August 26, 1994 by virtue of Republic Act No. 7799. Initially, the hospital was envisioned to provide health services to the twenty-two densely populated barangays of Talisay City, the neighboring Municipality of Minglanilla and the City of Naga, which are part of the First District of the Province of Cebu, and also the accessible barangays of Toledo City. However, patients from other neighboring municipalities of Cebu and provinces of Negros and Bohol, and sometimes patients from as far as Luzon and Mindanao, are also seeking medical attention in Talisay District Hospital.

In consideration of its strategic location, and being the favored destination of various sports enthusiasts, the hospital serves as the immediate health facility for trauma, sports injuries, vehicular accidents and the like. Due to inadequate resources, however, such as human resource complements or medical equipment and facilities, about 1,119 trauma cases were referred to the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City in 2011 and 2,083 trauma cases from January 1 to June 30, 2012.

In the Philippine Hospital Development Plan of the Department of Health, the Talisay District Hospital is envisioned to become a trauma rehabilitation and sports medicine center in the Visayas. It is in this light that the Department of Health issued Administrative Order No. 2016-0021, dated June 21, 2016, (*Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7799*) to upgrade the Talisay District Hospital to a 250-bed capacity level 3 hospital.

With an additional 250-bed capacity, the proposed Talisay City Medical Center tertiary hospital can provide better health services that will greatly benefit the people, not only in Talisay City but also of the neighboring areas of the southern part of the Province of Cebu and other areas in the Visayas. The hospital will be able to address the health needs of the most marginalized sector of the community.

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



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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TALISAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu is hereby converted into a medical center to be known as the Talisay City Medical Center.

SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the Talisay City Medical Center is hereby increased from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds: *Provided*, That the increase shall be implemented gradually over a five-year period: *Provided, further*, That for every year, fifty (50) beds shall be added to the hospital. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the implementation of this Act.

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SEC. 3. The existing service capability, professional health care services and health human resource of the Talisay City Medical Center are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity as herein provided.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,