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HOUSE BILL NO. 4252



INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO, JR. Y. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (LHMRH) is strategically located at the heart of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) catering to the provinces of Mountain Province, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Abra as its primary catchment areas and the neighboring municipalities of the Ilocos Region as its secondary catchment areas. With the continuous improvement of the roads and the operationalization of the hospital in accordance with its bed capacity, it is not surprising that the number of patients had been increasing year after year since 2013.¹ In fact, in 2016, one of the first bills filed by then Congressman Maximo B. Dalog was to increase the bed capacity of the hospital considering that the hospital can no longer accommodate the number of patients in the hospital rooms to the point that they sometimes occupy the hospital hallways.²

With the increasing number of patients who seek the services of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, its facilities is not enough to cater to emergency and trauma cases which account for several admissions in the hospital considering the susceptibility of the Cordillera Administrative Region to vehicular traffic accidents due to its geographical terrain and extreme weather conditions. In the first semester of 2018 alone, vehicular traffic accidents comprise sixty percent (60%) of the crimes recorded in the region³.

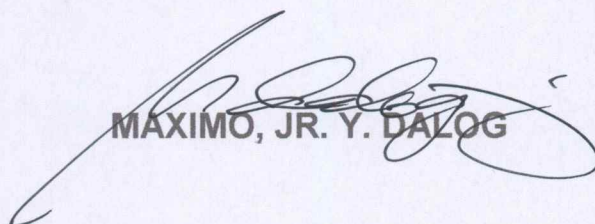
¹ Rachel A. Benito, Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital- Hospital Profile, Statistical Data, 3-4, Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, August 20, 2019.

² Maximo B. Dalog, "An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital in the Province of Mountain Province from One Hundred (100) Beds to Two Hundred (200) Beds, Upgrading the Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Therein, and Appropriating Funds Therefore, Explanatory Note, House Bill 282, Seventeenth Congress, June 30, 2016.

³ Liza Agoot, Vehicular Mishaps Account for Bulk of Cordillera Police Cases, Philippine News Agency, available at URL: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1045040>, August 28, 2019, citing report released by Regional Operations and Planning Division chief Senior Supt. Homer Penecilla

The creation therefore of an emergency medical service and trauma center is crucial to respond to the emergency and trauma cases in the region.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND TRAUMA CENTER AT THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL LOCATED AT ABATAN, BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE CHANGING ITS NAME FROM LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, an Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Center located at Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, Abatan, Bauko, Mountain Province.

Sec. 2. The Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital shall now be known as **Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital and Trauma Center**.

Sec. 3. The existing facilities and professional health care services of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital and Trauma Center are hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the establishment of an emergency medical service and trauma center as provided in Section 1 hereof.

Sec. 4. The existing workforce of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital and Trauma Center shall also be increased corresponding to the needed positions for an emergency medical service and trauma center. The Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital and Trauma Center, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with any provision this Act are hereby amended, repealed 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.

Approved,