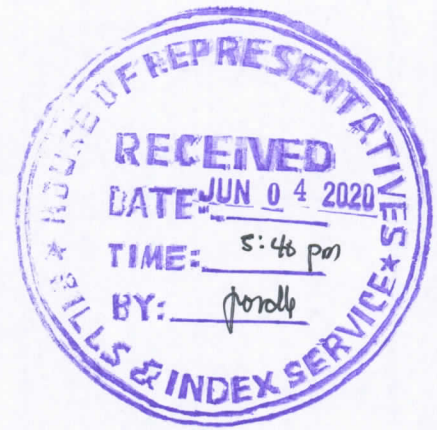


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6965



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that the State shall promote and protect the right to health of the people. It is likewise mandated to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and shall endeavor to make essential good health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.


In the Province of Quezon, the delivery of public health services in the province is made through the operation of various public health facilities like government hospitals, municipal health centers and rural health units. There are about 16 government hospitals with Quezon Memorial Hospital in Lucena City, as the biggest hospital with 220-bed capacity. Other district hospitals are located in Alabat, Atimonan, Lopez, Gumaca, Mauban, Infanta, Catanauan, Tagkawayan, Sampaloc, Polillo, Unisan, Candelaria, Guinayangan, San Francisco and San Narciso. They have an aggregate bed capacity of only 585 as of the Year 2000. Hence there is not enough hospital beds in the province especially in the first district of Quezon which only has 80 hospital beds inadequate to service the in patients.

This bill seeks to re-nationalize Claro M. Recto Memorial District Hospital located at the Municipality of Infanta, Province of Quezon, placing under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health, increasing its bed capacity to 100 beds and appropriating funds therefor.

Claro M. Recto Memorial District Hospital has a limited resources to maintain the existing facilities, old equipment that are beyond repair and needs upgrade and limited services leading to patients referred to other health providers. Furthermore, losses incurred due to none operational of medical equipment and the lack of personnel because of inadequate financial resources to fund repair or purchase and additional hiring of health workers are also evident and should be adequately address immediately.

The re-nationalization of the hospital will substantially contribute to the revolving role of the hospital to the Universal Health Care by having an optimum clinical performance in case management through incentives mechanism; improve quality of patient care with a good working environment and access provision to quality health care facilities and health promotion incentives. Finally, the hospital needs to be supervised by the national government to assure continuous fund and aid for the hospital and not to further rely on funds from the provincial government.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.



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HOSPITAL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INFANTA, PROVINCE OF
QUEZON, PLACING UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO ONE
HUNDRED (100) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Claro M. Recto Memorial District Hospital in the Municipality of Infanta, 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. Its bed capacity furthermore is hereby increased to One Hundred (100).

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 and to the bed capacity increased as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

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 Claro M. Recto Memorial 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 consultations with the Provincial Government of Quezon and other stakeholders, and shall be implemented consistent with the Hospital Development Plan.

SEC 5 . This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,