



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2605



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**Introduced by Representative Christian S. Unabia**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Medina Hospital in the Municipality of Medina, Province of Misamis Oriental, to an extension hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City to be known as the Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital-Medina and appropriating funds therefor.

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 endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers.”

In 1948, the Puericulture Center and Women’s Club was organized by Doña Felipe N. Pelaez, the mother of then Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez. In 1976, the Board of Directors of the Puericulture Center established a maternity hospital to provide services to the women and children of Medina. The hospital was supported by the provincial government of Misamis Oriental through a monthly subsidy which covered the salaries of the medical staff and the maintenance of the hospital.

Due to lack of subsidy, the Medina Hospital ceased operations in 2005. For five years, the hospital was closed thus depriving the people of Medina the much needed maternal and child health services. Eventually, the leaders of the Women's Club, with the consent of its members donated Medina Hospital to the Department of Health. During the administration of President Benigno S. Aquino III, the amount of five million pesos was allocated for the completion of the Medina Hospital, seventeen million pesos for the facilities, and six million pesos for the maintenance and operating expenses of the hospital.

At present, the Medina Hospital is a 25-bed capacity hospital which serves as a satellite hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center. It provides not only maternal and child health services but also other preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to the residents of the Municipality of Medina and the neighboring towns of Talisayan, Gingoog City and other municipalities of Misamis Oriental.

To ensure the funding of the hospital and likewise guarantee uninterrupted health services to the people of Medina and the nearby municipalities, approval of this bill is highly sought.



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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE MEDINA HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO AN EXTENSION  
HOSPITAL OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER,  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN  
MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION HOSPITAL - MEDINA**

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

SECTION 1. The Medina Hospital in the Municipality of Medina,  
Province of Misamis Oriental, is converted to an extension hospital of the  
Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City to be known as the  
Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital-Medina.

SEC. 2. The Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital-  
Medina shall primarily provide preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to  
the people of Medina and the nearby municipalities of Misamis Oriental.



1           SEC. 3. All the assets, fixed and movable, and records of Medina Hospital,  
2 as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby conveyed to the Northern  
3 Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital-Medina.

4           SEC. 4. The Department of Health shall determine the staffing pattern as  
5 approved by the Department of Budget and Management, appoint the officials  
6 and employees of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital-  
7 Medina, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, prescribe their duties  
8 and fix their compensation in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No.  
9 6758, otherwise known as the "*Compensation and Position Classification Act of*  
10 *1989.*"

11          SEC. 5. All accounts and expenses of the Northern Mindanao Medical  
12 Center Extension Hospital-Medina shall be audited by the Commission on Audit  
13 or its duly authorized representative.

14          SEC. 6. All parcels of land occupied by the Medina Hospital are hereby  
15 declared to be properties of Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension  
16 Hospital-Medina and shall be titled under that name.

17          SEC. 7. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the  
18 Department's program the operationalization of the Northern Mindanao Medical  
19 Center Extension Hospital-Medina, the initial funding of which shall be charged  
20 against the current year's appropriations for the Department of Health.

1    Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the hospital shall  
2    be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3            SEC. 8.    The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and  
4    regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

5            SEC. 9.    This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
6    the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7            Approved,