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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2444

By Representatives Villafuerte, Tan (A.), Arroyo, Ty (D.), Revilla, Deloso-Montalla, Ouano-Dizon, Co (A.N.), Barzaga, Savellano, Defensor (M.), Chatto, Daza, Acop, Almario, Gonzales (A.), Paduano, Quimbo, Radaza, Palma, Bordado, Acosta, Gullas, Hernandez, Espina, Gaite, Gatchalian, Suansing (E.), Salimbangon, Saulog, Suarez (D.), Abueg-Zaldivar, Cueva, Gato, Matugas, Nieto, Dy (F.M.C.), Roque, Tiangco, Limkaichong, Aglipay, Ramos and Rivera

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, 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 direct supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Health, a women's and children's hospital in the Municipality of Pamplona in the Province of Camarines Sur, to be known as the Bicol Women's and Children's Hospital. It shall be authorized to operate a two hundred (200)-bed capacity hospital dedicated to women's and children's health requirements.

SEC. 2. The hospital shall specialize on the care of women and children and shall focus on women and children health care, prenatal testing, obstetrics and gynecological services, pediatrics care,

lactation programs, nutrition services, neonatal care, immunization services, postpartum depression support, education classes for parenting, and women's and children's health awareness.

SEC. 3. The Provincial Government of Camarines Sur shall provide funding for the establishment and operation of the Bicol Women's and Children's Hospital. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlays of the said hospital.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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