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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6536



INTRODUCED BY REP. BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON

AN ACT EXPANDING THE MANDATE AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF THE DON JOSE S. MONFORT MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, ILOILO, RENAMING THE SAME AS DON JOSE S. MONFORT MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital ("DJSMMCEH") is a retained hospital of the Department of Health located in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, a one of its kind in the 4th district of Iloilo, Philippines. The hospital has been retained for nineteen (19) years, since its reestablishment in 2001, to accommodate, develop and provide the highest quality, compassionate and comprehensive health care to the people of the 4th District of Iloilo and its adjacent municipalities. It has played a significant role of providing general health care services and some focus on mother and child health care to the people in the locality.

Presently, the Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital is licensed to operate as a 100-bed, Level 1 hospital with budget allocation from the national government according to the General Appropriations Act and Republic Act No. 8372¹. By virtue of R.A. No. 8372, it functions as an extension hospital under the supervision of Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City. However, the increasing trend from 2014 to present statistics in the provision of primary health care services as reflected in the succeeding table shows the necessity that the legal mandate of Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital be expanded to ensure accessible, quality and affordable health care services as envisioned in the Universal Health Care. In 2018 alone, the bed occupancy rate of DJSMMCEH has spiked to 170 %, showing the imperative need for expansion.

¹ entitled "An Act Converting Don Jose S. Monfort Memorial Hospital in the Municipality of Barotac Nuevo, Province of Iloilo, into a Tertiary Hospital, Functioning as An Extension of the Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City to be Known as the Don Hose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital, and Appropriating Funds Therefor"

HOSPITAL INDICATORS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Authorized Bed Capacity	50	50	50	50	100
Implementing Beds	77	77	77	77	112
Bed Occupancy Rate	108.17%	148.73%	160.53%	170%	114.88%
Average Daily Census	53	75	80	85	114.66
Average Length of Stay	4	4	4	4	4-5
Total Number of In-Patients	4,774	6,559	7,000	7,498	9,693
Gross Death Rate	2.56%	2.40%	2.21%	2.30%	2.30%
Net Death Rate	1.65%	1.17%	0.83%	1.09%	1.04%
Hospital Infection Rate	0.28%	0.78%	1.13%	1.02%	0.42%
Total Number of Hospital Deliveries	958	1,212	1,428	1,301	1,622
Caesarian Rate	108	177	208	284	408
Emergency Room Visits	2,993	5,731	6,500	9,733	20,228
OPD Consultations	21,006	28,993	32,874	37,158	44,554
Surgeries	2,875	3,255	4,348	6,337	6,080
Laboratory Services	50,552	69,527	78,924	88,271	118,095
Radiology Services	7,732	15,781	14,523	17,283	16,972

With the development of Universal Health Care, DJSMMCEH is expected to serve more patients especially those households below the average income.

This bill mandates the expansion of Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital into a three hundred (300)-bed capacity tertiary hospital. It shall be renamed as Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center, a separate and distinct health institution which can function independently and not just as an extension of Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City. The end purpose is to be able to amplify and increase the number of services and develop specialized services as a general hospital. This would enhance the offered healthcare services, to patients from different social statuses especially, the financially challenged.

In view of the rising need of the people for better quality and accessible healthcare, the promotion and prioritization of our Government of Universal Health Care for all Filipinos, and the urgency of addressing the lack of hospital facilities and resources that could promote these objectives, the passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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

- **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Expansion and Development Act".
- SEC. 2. Hospital Expansion. Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center located in Barangay Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo is hereby expanded from a one hundred (100) -bed to a three hundred (300) -bed capacity tertiary hospital with multispecialty services, to be known as **Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center ("DJSMMC")**.
- SEC. 3. Upgrading of Health Service Facilities and Capabilities. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the DJSMMC are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 2 of this Act.

The existing workforce of DJSMMC shall be increased correspondingly. The Department of Health (DOH) shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and after consultation with the DJSMMC, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 5. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. Facilities, land and buildings, and equipment acquired by the Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital ("DJSMMCEH") including its documents, medical and non-medical records, liabilities and obligations are hereby transferred to the Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center ("DJSMMC").

- **SEC. 6. Security of Tenure.** The position, seniority and security and other rights of tenure of medical and non-medical personnel of the Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital ("DJSMMCEH") shall continue to be honored under the Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center ("DJSMMC").
- **SEC 7. Appropriations.** The Department of Health shall immediately include in its programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed amended or repealed accordingly. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts of the provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,