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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.

House Bill No. 1686

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally introduced as House Bill No. 239 during the Fourteenth Congress. It was approved by the Committee on Health, as evidenced by Committee Report No. 1117 dated August 12, 2008. It was approved by the House of Representatives on 2nd reading on September 2, 2008 and on 3rd reading on October 2, 2008. It was transmitted to the Senate on October 6, 2008 where it was not acted upon. It was again re-filed during the Fifteenth Congress as House Bill No. 253 where it was approved on 2nd Reading last March 16, 2011. It was also re-filed during the 16th Congress.

This bill seeks to upgrade and modernize the J.R. Borja Memorial Hospital in Cagayan de Oro City to be converted as an extension of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center.

The collective health of a people affects, to a great extent, the success of its overall socio-economic development efforts. Nowadays, the concept of health has totally revolutionized from one of need to that of a fundamental human right. The government is presently intensifying its campaign to deliver better and efficient health and medical services to areas where these are wanting.

One such area is Cagayan de Oro City. As one of the country's most potential area for development, the city plays a pivotal role in our country's efforts to attain economic growth. Unfortunately, majority of its population cannot afford to have their basic health needs served within the city area. The existing government hospitals are, if not very far, inadequate to serve the needs of the city populace. Hence, this bill.

In keeping with the constitutional mandate to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION OF THE J.R. BORJA CITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS AN EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER (NMMC) IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The J.R. Borja City Memorial Hospital is hereby upgraded and modernized as an extension hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) in Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental and which shall be administered by the NMMC and the Department of Health, Region 10.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the J.R. Borja City Memorial Hospital as an extension hospital of the NMMC, 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 the J.R. Borja City Memorial Hospital until such time that the same is integrated as an extension hospital of the NMMC and its funding included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,