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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1799



Introduce by Honorable **EDUARDO R. GULLAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu into a medical center to be known as the Cebu South Medical Center, a tertiary hospital with additional specialties as Trauma, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, and Sports Medicine center in the Visayas under the supervision of the Department of Health.

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

Initially, the hospital was envisioned to provide health services to the twenty-two densely populated barangays of Talisay City, the neighboring Municipality of Minglanilla and the City of Naga, which are part of the First District of the Province of Cebu, and also the accessible barangays of Toledo City. However, patients from other neighboring municipalities and cities of Cebu and provinces of Negros and Bohol, and sometimes patients from as far as Luzon and Mindanao, are also seeking medical attention in Talisay District Hospital.

In consideration of its strategic location, and being the favored destination of various sports enthusiasts, the hospital serves as the immediate health facility for trauma, sports injuries, vehicular accidents and the like. Due to inadequate resources, however, such as human resource complement, medical equipment and other facilities, about 1,119 trauma cases were referred to the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City in 2011 and 2,083 trauma cases from January 1 to June 30, 2012.

In the Philippine Hospital Development Plan of the Department of Health, the Talisay District Hospital is envisioned to become a tertiary hospital with additional specialties as Trauma, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, and Sports Medicine Center in the Visayas.

The proposed Cebu South Medical Center as a tertiary hospital can provide better health services that will greatly benefit the people, not only in Talisay City but also of the neighboring areas of the southern part of the Province of Cebu and other areas in the Visayas. The hospital will be able to address the health needs of the most marginalized sector of the community.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

RENAMING THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TALISAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO CEBU SOUTH MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7799, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

SECTION 1. The Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Province of Cebu, is hereby renamed as Cebu South Medical center.

SEC. 2. The existing service capability, professional health care services and medical staff complement of Cebu South Medical Center is hereby upgraded and increased to correspond with the requirements of the medical center.

SEC. 3. The increase in the service capability, health care services and bed capacity shall conform to the hospital development plan of the medical center.

SEC. 4. The secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the general Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7799, entitled "An Act Establishing a District Hospital in the Municipality of Talisay, Province of Cebu, to be Known as the Talisay District Hospital, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" is hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.*

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,