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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3879



Introduced by **Hon. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippine Constitution, Article XIII Section II states, "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. Section 11 was further reinforced by Section 12 which provides that, "The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems."

One of the far-flung areas in the Lone District of Davao Occidental is the Municipality Jose Abad Santos. Located in the southern part of the district, a great portion of the municipality is mountainous with winding roads that are either earth-surfaced or gravel finished. Jeepneys and on rare occasions dilapidated buses are the means of transportation including motorcycles called "skylab" consisting of a 2x4 placed horizontally on the motorcycle and kept in balance by eight (8) passengers seated in batches of four (4) on both sides. The people in their poverty have barely enough to provide for their necessities, much less for their health care. The nearest health facility is some fifty-two (52) kilometers away from Tomas Lachica District Hospital in Caburan, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos and with no financial capacity of securing the necessary medicines for their sick loved ones which most of them suffer their illness without even consulting a physician.

For the above reasons, there is a need to establish a ten (10)-bed capacity community hospital in Barangay Nuing located in the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos and shall be known as the Nuing Community Hospital. With the establishment of the Nuing Community Hospital, this will provide the necessary needs of the constituents especially in terms of health services. The hospital will be of great help to those who need most of health service and will concretize the commitment of the national government in its pro-poor programs.

For social and economic reasons, immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN
BARANGAY NUING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS NUING COMMUNITY 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 establish a ten (10)-bed capacity community hospital in Barangay Nuing, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental to be known as Nuing Community Hospital under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Nuing Community Hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,