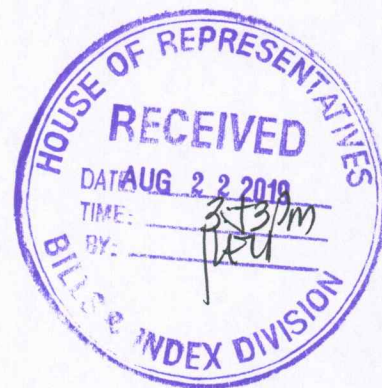


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4144



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people in Section 15, 1987 Constitution. The State is mandated to make health services available to all the people and at affordable cost. (Sec. 11, Art. XIII) It is also required to establish a health system responsive to the country's health needs and problems. (Sec. 12, Art. XIII)

However, the people of the 2nd district of Cagayan have difficulty accessing public hospitals as they rely on only three major hospitals for their medical needs, namely: Cagayan Valley Medical Center in Tuguegarao; Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center in Batac, Ilocos Norte and Far North Luzon General Hospital in Luna, Apayao. Sadly, none of these public hospitals are in the area. Travel to these hospital would easily take hours before a patient could be seen by a medical personnel, thus very disadvantageous to our constituents, especially during times of accidents and medical emergencies. This also poses difficulty for the families of the patients who would need to commute from far away to see to their patient's needs. More importantly, being from another province/legislative district, they are given second priority in terms of admission and cost of services compared to patients from their own district or province. Most disadvantaged by this situation are our poor and indigent constituents.

Hence, there is a pressing need for the establishment of a public hospital, centrally located in the 2nd district of Cagayan to service the medical requirements of its constituents.

The passage of this bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Vargas Alfonso', written over the printed name.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A THIRTY (30) - BED DISTRICT SATELLITE HOSPITAL OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER IN BARANGAY PINILI, MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN VALLEY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER – ABULUG EXTENSION SATELLITE HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a thirty (30) – bed district satellite hospital of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center in Barangay Pinili, Municipality of Abulug, Cagayan Valley, under the supervision of the Department of Health to be known as the Cagayan Valley Medical Center – Abulug Extension Satellite Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health and/or his duly authorized representative, in consultation and coordination with the concerned officials of the provincial government of Cagayan Valley shall formulate and promulgate the implementing guidelines, rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs and operationalization of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center – Abulug Extension Satellite Hospital, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,