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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4394



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE MARIA L. ELEAZAR DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARIA L. ELEAZAR GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that, "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."

Towards this end, this measure, which will cater to the medical needs of the people of the 4th District of Quezon and its neighboring localities seeks to upgrade the Maria L. Eleazar District Hospital in Tagkawayan, Quezon into a Level III General Hospital to be known as the Maria L. Eleazar General Hospital. It will serve as an extension of the Batangas Medical Center, under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

The bill seeks to increase its bed capacity from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) amidst its growing population of 51,832 people based on the 2015 census. Tagkawayan is a first-class municipality and is politically subdivided into 45 barangays with a total land area of 64,100 hectares or 534.35 square kilometers which constitutes 5.94% of Quezon's total area. Its population as determined by the 2015 Census represented 2.79% of the total population of Quezon province, or 0.36% of the overall population of the CALABARZON region.

Tagkawayan, the last town of Quezon Province going south to the Bicol Region, is a coastal municipality. Extending on the left side border of the Ragay Gulf, towards the south from the mouth of Kabibihan river, it is bounded on the North, by the Municipality of Calauag, Quezon and Labo, Camarines Norte on the east, by the Municipality of Del Gallego, Camarines Sur, on the South and West by Ragay Gulf and the Kabibihan River from its watershed on the Gumihan Creek. It is closest to the cities of Naga, Lucena, Tayabas, Iriga, San Pablo, and Ligao; and the municipalities of, Guinayangan, Buenavista, Calauag, Santa Elena, and Lopez.

Currently, the Maria L. Eleazar District Hospital is a Level 1 hospital and has a bed capacity of twenty-five (25) beds.

This is the most opportune time to upgrade the district hospital into a level 3 general hospital in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service in relation to the government's universal health care agenda.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The Maria L. Eleazar District Hospital in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Province of Quezon is hereby upgraded into a Level III general hospital to be known as the Maria L. Eleazar General Hospital. It shall serve as an extension of the Batangas Medical Center, under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

The bed capacity of the Maria L. Eleazar General Hospital in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Province of Quezon is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100).

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Quezon and other stakeholders and shall be implemented consistent with the Hospital Development Plan.

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,