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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4403



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

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to propose for the establishment of a one hundred (100) bed capacity in Barangay Lacaron, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to be known as Davao Occidental Medical Center.

Section II, Article XIII of the Constitution states:

*"Section 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."*

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."*

Establishment of Davao Occidental Medical Center will further strengthens the government's commitment to provide pro-poor programs in terms of providing better health facilities and health services to its constituents.

Immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE**  
**KNOWN AS DAVAO OCCIDENTAL MEDICAL CENTER, 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 established a medical center in Barangay Lacaron, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental with one hundred (100) bed capacity to be known as Davao Occidental Medical Center, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program, the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Davao Occidental Medical Center, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation and maintenance of the Davao Occidental Medical Center 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,