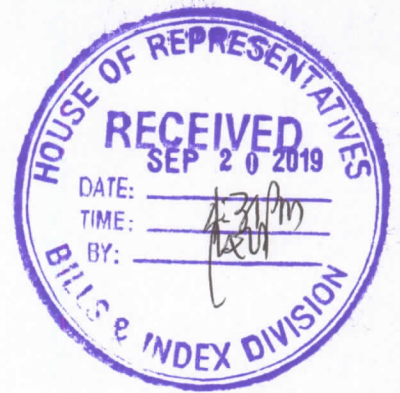


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The fundamental law, in Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution on State policies, has this stated: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Indeed, health care is probably the most basic services that the government should provide inasmuch as a health people and a health nation do come together.

In fact, in Section 11 of Article XIII, 'adopting an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development to make essential goods, health and other social services available to the people at affordable cost' is one of the government's few primordial objectives.

In this light, we deem it high time that the Batasan District Hospital be hereby established for Quezon City's varied health needs and problems.

The immediate passage of this measure is then earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Precious Hipolito Castelo".

**PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATASAN DISTRICT 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 established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, a twenty-five bed district hospital in Quezon City, Metro Manila to be known as the Batasan District Hospital.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the First Year General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall issue a written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that funds for its maintenance and operation have been appropriated.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,