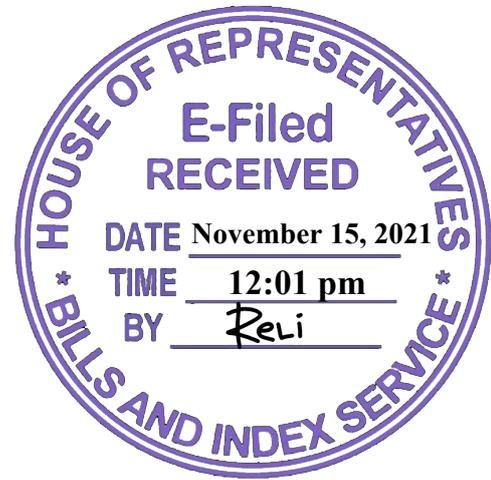


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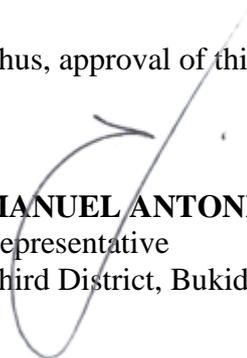
The nation's police force has always been the backbone for our society's order. Ensuring public safety and internal security with the active support of the community is what makes the Philippine National Police (PNP) special. Needless to say, they have a special bond with the community they serve.

However, the number of our police force vis-à-vis the number of our population is still small. A lot of work is expected from a police man if he is to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes and as stated above, maintain peace and order and ensure public safety. Aside from the demanding job of a police man, the very nature of the job entails a high degree of risk to himself.

When policemen are injured, they rely on the traditional benefits such as those arising from their occupation as government workers. Anything beyond that, they rely on what's left of their income. It is a known fact that medical expenses from injuries or naturally occurring illnesses take a heavy toll on one's finances.

To show gratitude to our police men, it is imperative that their medical needs are subsidized through a dedicated hospital which will further attend to their needs. At present the PNP does not have its own tertiary hospital. As such, its ill and wounded personnel need to be carried or referred to other hospitals.

Thus, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT  
CREATING A TERTIARY HOSPITAL FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL  
POLICE (PNP) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “PNP Tertiary Care Hospital Act.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to empower and support our police force in order for them to sufficiently provide front line government law enforcement and peace-keeping at the community level. The State acknowledges the need to provide the police force the much-needed medical hospital that will cater to them and their immediate family to assure them that the risks they take are not taken for granted.

Sec. 3. Tertiary Care Hospital. – There is hereby established a tertiary care hospital for the Philippine National Police. The hospital shall be located at Camp Panopio in Quezon City which will have a highly-specialized critical management with appropriate clinical and nursing services.

Sec. 4. Beneficiaries. – The tertiary hospital to be established for the PNP shall cater to the members, the latter’s immediate family, employees and staff of the PNP. The services to be performed to the beneficiaries shall be subsidized.

Sec. 5. Role of the Department of Health. – The Department of Health (DOH) shall provide the appropriate guidance that the specifications needed for the establishment of tertiary care hospital is met.

Sec. 6. Appropriations. - There is hereby allocated the amount of One Billion Six Hundred Million Pesos (P1.6B) for the establishment of the hospital subject of this Act. The amount shall be chargeable against the national budget for the succeeding fiscal year after the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The DOH and the PNP shall issue the rules and regulations that will properly maintain the operation of the hospital within ninety (90) days after its approval.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act are hereby deemed accordingly repealed or amended.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,