



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2116



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**Introduced by Representative Arnan C. Panaligan**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH) in Calapan City, Province of Oriental Mindoro, into a regional hospital to be known as the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital and to upgrade its facilities to serve the medical needs of the people of the MIMAROPA Region.

This is a refiled bill as a similar measure was sponsored by former Rep. Doy Leachon in the Eighteenth Congress. It was approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate but did not become a law.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*”

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution also 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 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.*”

These constitutional mandates highlight the fact that one of the primordial obligations of the government is to ensure that affordable, quality, and efficient health care services are delivered to the Filipino people especially the poor, underprivileged and low-income citizens who depend largely on the public health care system. The public health care system that the government must deliver and provide encompasses primary health care services offered by health centers and primary level hospitals up to secondary and tertiary-level health care which includes curative and rehabilitative services in hospitals and medical centers.

Thus, the establishment and maintenance of public hospitals is an imperative obligation and responsibility of the State in accordance with the Constitution. Existing public hospitals should be upgraded and expanded especially in regions and areas outside the National Capital Region where people rely largely on public hospitals for their health care needs.

The MIMAROPA Region, with Calapan City as the designated Regional Government Center, still has no regional hospital. The present Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital which is proposed to be converted into the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital is presently a service and training-oriented tertiary medical facility being managed by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro. Its 150 – bed capacity serves as the catchment hospital for patients needing tertiary specialty medical care from satellite hospitals and the rural health units in the province as well as from neighboring provinces. Patients with serious medical condition from the provinces of Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon are transported to this hospital.

Considering the above, it is ideal to convert the present Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital into the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital under the control and supervision of the Department of Health, increase its bed capacity from One Hundred (100) to Five Hundred (500) beds, and upgrade its facilities. With this, the hospital will be able to address the health needs of the general public most especially the poor and the marginalized sectors not only in the province of Oriental Mindoro but also in the whole MIMAROPA Region.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**

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2 **CONVERTING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL**  
3 **IN CALAPAN CITY, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A**  
4 **REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA**  
5 **REGIONAL HOSPITAL, UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES AND BED**  
6 **CAPACITY TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
7 **THEREFOR**

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

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12 SECTION 1. The Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital in the City of  
13 Calapan, Province of Oriental Mindoro, is hereby converted into a regional  
14 hospital, to be known as the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital, which shall be under  
15 the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

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17 SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital shall be  
18 increased from one hundred (100) to five hundred (500) beds. Any future increase  
19 in bed capacity shall be consistent to its hospital development plan to be prepared  
20 by the DOH.

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22 SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the  
23 MIMAROPA Regional Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be  
24 commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided for in Section 2  
25 hereof.

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27 SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital,  
28 which includes doctors, nurses, medical technologists, dietitians, laboratory  
29 technicians and all other support personnel shall be increased correspondingly. The  
30 Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of the MIMAROPA

1Regional Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and  
2Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission (CSC),  
3determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up in the plantilla of  
4the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital.

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6 SEC. 5. The Department of Budget and Management shall, in consultation  
7with the Department of Health and the Provincial Government of Oriental  
8Mindoro, determine the cost of renationalized functions relative to the operations  
9of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital from the latter's current National Tax  
10Allotment (NaTA) and thereafter and cause the allocation of the same to the DOH  
11chargeable against the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Provincial  
12Government of Oriental Mindoro.

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14 SEC. 6. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the  
15Department's program the implementation of this Act and the funding necessary  
16for the operations of the MIMAROPA Regional Hospital shall be included in the  
17annual General Appropriations Act.

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19 SEC. 7. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the  
20parts not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

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22 SEC. 8. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances  
23inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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25 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
26Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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28 Approved,