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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 5495



Introduced by Representative Ron P. Salo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital is a Level I Hospital located in the Municipality of Camalaniugan, Province of Cagayan – a 4th class municipality, which has a population of 25,236 people based on the 2020 census. Camalaniugan is adjacent to the municipalities of Aparri, Baguey, Allacapan, and Lal-lo, with a combined population of 184,954 people.

The location of the Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital is around two (2) hours away from the Cagayan Valley Medical Center, which is the nearest Level III DOH Hospital in area. At present, there is no Level II hospital in the area that can offer specialty services – most are infirmary and Level I facilities.

This bill thus seeks to upgrade the Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital from a Level I to a Level II General Hospital under the direct supervision and control of the DOH, and to increase its bed capacity from twenty-five (25) to one-hundred (100) beds.

Aside from the municipalities directly adjacent to Camalaniugan, the Hospital's catchment area will also include the municipality of Calayan, which consists of four (4) islands and is home to a population of over 17,410 people. The closest is Camiguin Island, which is around four (4) hours away by boat from Port Irene in Sta. Ana, Cagayan, which in turn is one hour and thirty minutes away by land trip to the Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital. The farthest Island is Babuyan Claro Island, which is around ten (10) to fourteen (14) hours away from the said port by boat. The other two (2) islands are around six (6) to eight (8) hours away from Port Irene.

The aforesaid hospital is currently serving the medical needs of a huge population who will greatly benefit from this proposed upgrading. It is located in a secured area safe from flooding, and will be able to continue its operations while it is undergoing expansion. There are also many human resources for health (HRH) who are qualified and willing to be employed in the facility.

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

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KABAYAN Party List

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AN ACT

UPGRADING THE MATILDE A. OLIVAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAMALANIUGAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, FROM LEVEL I TO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL, PLACING IT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO 100 BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital in the Municipality of Camalaniugan, Province of Cagayan, is hereby upgraded from a Level I into a Level II General Hospital which shall be under the management, supervision, and control of the National Government, specifically the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The current bed capacity of the Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100).

SEC. 3. The Matilde A. Olivas District Hospital's operating fund, existing service facilities, and professional health care services are also hereby increased and upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to its nationalization.

SEC. 4. Any future increase in the hospital's health care facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on its hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the hospital management.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act. Its required funding shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. The DOH shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act within ninety (90) days from effectivity.

SEC. 7. Any portion or provision of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying the other portions or

provisions hereof as long as such remaining portion or provision can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 8. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or any two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.