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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY
SAN BARTOLOME, QUEZON CITY TO A LEVEL III DISTRICT HOSPITAL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A responsive and pro-people health care system is one of the basic social services that the government should provide to its citizens.

For almost 22 years now, the Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) has been operating to serve the hundreds and thousands of Quezon City residents in need of health services. The NDH is a Quezon City Government owned and controlled hospital mandated by virtue of City Ordinance no. SP-997 S-2001, and SP-1002 s. 2001 to render basic and emergency healthcare services to the residents of greater Novaliches area and 5th District of Quezon City that extends to its neighboring communities and catchment areas.

The NDH was recently accredited as Level II Hospital by the Department of Health, by virtue of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2809, s. 2019 and Republic Act No. 11868 in June 2022. It is located at Quirino Highway, Brgy. San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Faced with the increasing number of new patients being accommodated by the hospital with its present capacity and equipment, there remains an urgent need to further upgrade the NDH to complement it with additional facilities and qualified personnel in line with the Quezon City government's institutional development plan for expansion of social services.

The rapid growth in population clearly dictates the necessity of an upgrade coupled with modernization in order to relevantly and sufficiently address the issues inherent in its operations. For years, the NDH has been operating beyond its accredited bed capacity all in the name of public service and accessible health care. It is high time that we afford the NDH with the necessary support they and the people deserve.

This bill seeks to upgrade the Novaliches District Hospital to a Level III District Hospital. The upgrading of the NDH will increase the capacity of the public health unit to better serve the Fifth District of Quezon City, which is home to more than 500,000 residents, and the Quezon City in general. It seeks to further protect and promote the right of the people to accessing health services especially in a time where public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, threaten public health and safety.

Alongside its much-needed upgrading, an expansion in its bed capacity coupled with the increase in existing professional health care services, facilities, and personnel of the Novaliches District Hospital shall be ensured to conform with and be commensurate to the quality and standards set by the Department of Health in public health service delivery.

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



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

SECTION 1. The Novaliches District Hospital in Barangay San Bartolome, Quezon City is hereby upgraded into a Level III Hospital.

SECTION 2. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Novaliches District Hospital, and submitted to the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Novaliches District Hospital shall also be hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 4. The existing workforce of the Novaliches District Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly.

SECTION 5. The local government of Quezon City shall provide the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the Novaliches District Hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the human resource complement to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its service facilities and professional health care services.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the hospital.

SECTION 7. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,