



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 7041



Introduced by **HON. STEPHEN JAMES T. TAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create in the Municipality of Gandara, Province of Samar a hospital to be known as the Gandara District Hospital.

The Philippine Constitution provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”. The said constitutional provision mandates the adoption of measures to facilitate the delivery of health-related services to all Filipino citizens. However, it cannot be denied that there is still an existing clamor among many Filipinos for a more efficient means of delivery of these health-related services in the entire country. Such clamor is rooted in the lack of accessible health facilities, such as hospitals, in many areas of the country. This is even magnified by the increasing population and the presence of an ongoing pandemic.

The Municipality of Gandara is a vibrant community with a population of 35,242 based on the 2022 census. Moreover, it has been identified as a potential area for the establishment of a hospital, equipped with complete health care services, accessibility and availability, and quality health care services to the vulnerable constituents of Gandara and the surrounding areas therein.

This proposed legislative measure will surely advance the status of the health care system in the town of Gandara.

Foregoing premises considered; the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


HON. STEPHEN JAMES T. TAN
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**“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GANDARA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
GANDARA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

Section 1. Establishment. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH) in the Municipality of Gandara, First District of the Province of Samar, to be known as the Gandara District Hospital.

Section 2. Appropriations. The Department of Health (DOH) shall provide funding for the establishment and operation of the said hospital in the town of Gandara, Samar. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department’s budget the appropriate capital outlay for the hospital construction and equipment requirements, and adequate operating funds of the facility thereafter.

Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health (DOH) shall issue the corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,