## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8273

By Representatives Mangaoang and Ebcas, per Committee Report No. 705

## **AN ACT**

CONVERTING THE KALINGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA INTO A LEVEL III REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN CORDILLERA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Kalinga Provincial Hospital in the City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga is hereby converted into a Level III Regional Hospital to be known as the Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center (NCRMC), and shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH). Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.

**SEC. 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the NCRMC, including doctors, nurses and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. The Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Kalinga, shall determine the cost of renationalized functions relative to the operations of the NCRMC from its current

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Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and thereafter, and cause the allocation of the same to the DOH chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Kalinga.

- **SEC 6.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.
- **SEC. 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.
- **SEC. 8.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuance which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,