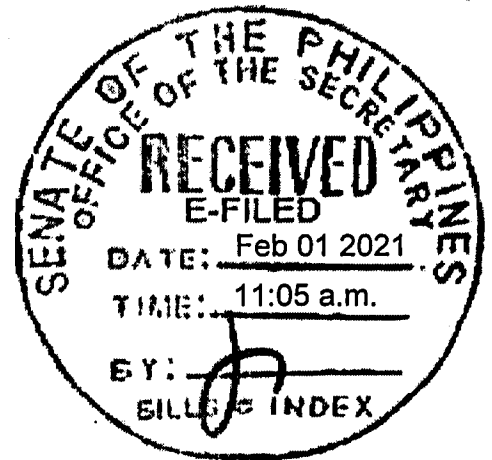


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Schistosomiasis Hospital in Palo, Leyte was established in 1975 through P.D. 1062 to become a research arm of the Schistosomiasis Control and Research Service and to provide clinical services to patients with schistosomiasis nationwide¹. Over the years, with continued support from the national government and in response to the health care needs of the locality, it expanded its medical and ancillary services to cater to more patients suffering from various diseases and other health concerns. While schistosomiasis is still a cause for alarm in the region and there is a need for consistent surveillance and research on this endemic disease, there is also a call to strengthen the capability of the institution to attend to other ailments and health issues, especially in light of the novel Coronavirus pandemic.

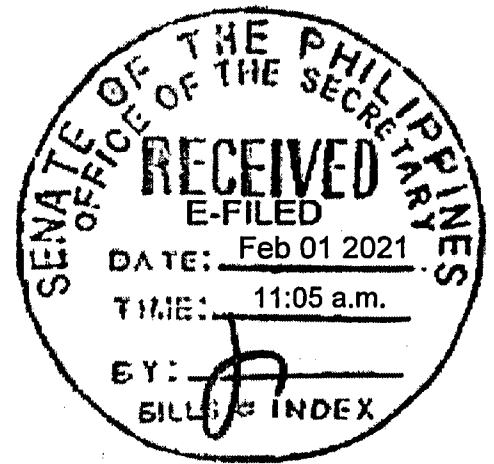
¹ <https://schistosomiasishospital.doh.gov.ph/transparency/about-scrh/history-and-logo>

This proposed measure seeks to enhance the capacity of the Schistosomiasis Hospital by converting it into a general hospital, increasing its bed capacity and further upgrading its facilities. This bill aims to ensure that more patients, especially the poor, can have access to affordable, quality and immediate health service.

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


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

1 Section 1. The Schistosomiasis Control and Research Hospital in Palo, Leyte is
2 hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Gov. Benjamin T.
3 Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center.

4 Sec. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General
5 Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center shall be increased from twenty-five (25) to one
6 hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with its
7 hospital development plan, which shall be prepared and submitted by the Department
8 of Health (DOH).

9 Sec. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Gov.
10 Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center are hereby
11 upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity
12 as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

1 Sec. 4. The DOH shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
2 Management and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla
3 positions to be created and filled upon prior consultation with the Chief of Hospital of
4 the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center.

5 Sec. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the program of
6 the DOH the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
7 annual General Appropriations Act.

8 Sec. 6. If any provision or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid,
9 other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full
10 force and effect.

11 Sec. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts
12 thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed
13 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

14 Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,