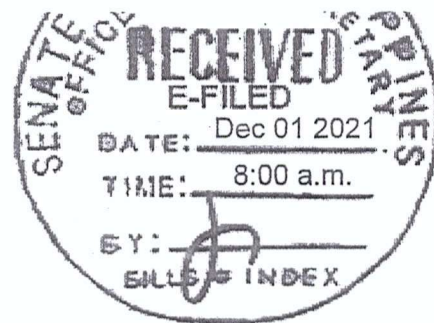


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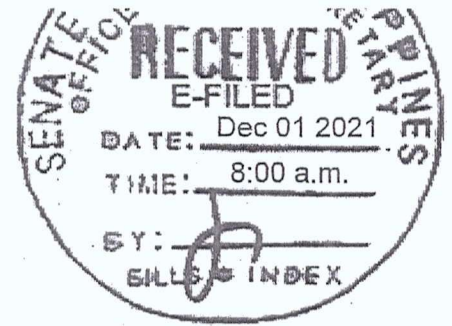
The Covid-19 pandemic brought to the fore a number of issues that need government attention, the most important being the lack of a sufficient number of hospitals as well as healthcare workers to service the needs of Filipinos, especially in areas outside Metro Manila. The province of Iloilo is one such area, with hospitals sometimes reaching full capacity due to the high number of Covid-19 cases.

As part of its pandemic response, the Department of Health upgraded three Iloilo hospitals to Level 2 status, including the Western Visayas Sanitarium in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Don Jose S. Monfort Medical Center Extension Hospital in Barotac Nuevo, and the Iloilo Provincial Hospital in Pototan. The upgrade allowed for intensive care units and specialist doctors in the aforementioned hospitals. Additional facilities, however, are still very much wanted for the healthcare and medical needs of the more than 500,000 residents and transient population of the City of Iloilo.

This bill seeks to establish in the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo, a City Hospital to be known as the Iloilo City Hospital. The immediate passage of this bill will benefit not only the people of the City of Iloilo but those from the neighboring areas as well.


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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo, a tertiary
2 general hospital to be known as the Iloilo City Hospital (ICH), which shall be under the
3 direct control and supervision of the City Government of Iloilo.
- 4 **SEC. 2.** The City Government of Iloilo shall manage the ICH, and prepare, in
5 consultation with the Department of Health, a hospital development plan aligned with
6 the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity,
7 healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based
8 on the hospital development plan.
- 9 **SEC. 3.** The City Government of Iloilo shall provide the necessary funds for the
10 establishment of the ICH. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's
11 subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the said hospital.
- 12 **SEC. 4.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining
13 parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- 14 **SEC. 5.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with
15 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- 16 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
17 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,