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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 459**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography and Finance on  
MAY 27 2009

RE : **H. B. No. 830**

Recommending the approval of **H.B. No. 830** without amendment.

Sponsor : **Senator Legarda**


**MR. PRESIDENT:**


The Committee on Health and Demography, jointly with the Committee on Finance to which was referred **H.B. No. 830**, introduced by Representatives Syjuco, Pingoy, Uy (R.S.), Uy (R.A.), Yu, Jaafar, Piamonte, Rodriguez, Salimbangon, Arenas and Violago, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS SANITARIUM AND LEPROSARIUM IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO THE  
PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE, DEFINING ITS POWERS  
AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that **H.B. No. 830** be approved without amendment.


**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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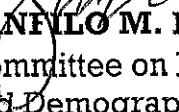
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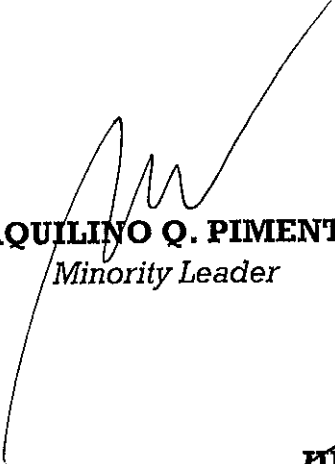
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 830

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SYJUCO, PINGOY, UY (R.S.), UY (R.A.), YU, JAAFAR,  
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INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE, DEFINING ITS POWERS  
AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – The Western Visayas Sanitarium and Leprosarium  
in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo is hereby converted into  
the President Diosdado Macapagal Memorial Hospital and Research Institute  
for Tropical Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared a policy of the  
State to promote and advance the complete development in the field of health  
and research.

SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage of Tropical Medicine.* – For purposes of  
this Act, the scope and coverage of tropical medicine shall pertain to diseases  
that are specific to the tropics, which is the geographical area between the

tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn, and for diseases that present differently in this geographical region as compared to other regions, to wit: gastrointestinal infections, viral hepatitis, bacterial and non-bacterial respiratory infections, amoebiasis, schistosomiasis, filariasis, malaria, pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus, meningitis, meningismus, measles, mumps, herpes, chicken pox, rocky mountain spotted fever, encephalitis, echo-viral diseases, coxachie viral diseases and *Philippine hemorrhagic fever*: *Provided*, That the Department of Health may include such other pertinent diseases in consultation with the Advisory Board herein created.

SEC. 4. *Authority and Responsibility*. -- The Institute shall have the following authority and responsibility, which shall be exercised, by its offices:

(a) The Institute shall be operated as a special project in the Department of Health in the Visayas area. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate policies for and exercise overall supervision over the Institute.

(b) The Institute shall be headed by an executive director who shall be assisted by two (2) assistant directors, all of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health. The executive director shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and the immediate management of the programs and operations of the Institute.

(c) The assistant directors shall aid the executive director in the performance of his operational duties, and shall perform such other functions as may be directed by the executive director. One (1) assistant director shall be tasked to overlook the policy, planning and monitoring activities of the Institute, while the other shall be responsible for support staff services.

SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions*. -- The Institute shall have the following powers and functions:

(a) Undertake research activities in the diagnosis, control and prevention of tropical diseases that are major causes of mortality and morbidity in the Philippines.

(b) Conduct clinical trials aimed at better understanding and control of tropical diseases.

(c) Conduct regular training courses for medical and paramedical personnel in the control of common tropical diseases not just in the Western Visayas but in the country as well.

(d) Provide high quality tertiary care to both inpatients and outpatients suffering from tropical diseases included within the scope of the Institute's research activities.

(e) Participate in the technical cooperation program in coordination with the Department of Health's Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in research activities in the diagnosis, control and prevention of tropical diseases.

(f) Apply for, receive, and accept bequests, grants, and donation of funds, equipment, materials and services needed for the attainment of its objectives.

(g) Perform such other related activities as may be assigned by the Department of Health.

SEC. 6. *Organization and Personnel.* – The Institute shall also have its technical and administrative support. The officers and employees of the Institute shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon recommendation of the Advisory Board in accordance with existing laws governing such. Consultants may be drawn from the public and private sectors on consultancy or contractual basis and shall be granted honoraria or allowances at such amounts as may be determined in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. *Advisory Board.* – There shall be in the Institute an Advisory Board to be administered under the direction of the Secretary of Health, to be composed of the following officials or their duly designated representatives:

- (a) The Secretary of the Department of Health or the duly designated representative;
- (b) The Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology or the duly designated representative;
- (c) The executive director of the Institute;
- (d) One (1) representative from the association of medical research organizations to be appointed by the Secretary of Health; and
- (e) The chief of hospital.

The functions of the Advisory Board shall be:

- (1) Formulate and recommend to the Secretary of Health policies, programs, standards and guidelines for the effective and efficient operation of the Institute;
- (2) Review, endorse and recommend to the Secretary of Health the annual budget plan;
- (3) Advise the Institute on creating and implementing its vision and missions;
- (4) Report annually to the Secretary of Health on its activities and, whenever necessary, make recommendations in relation to the performance of the Institute; and
- (5) Recommend to the Secretary of Health the appointments of officers, personnel and consultants.

SEC. 8. *Biomedical Research Functions.* – The functions of the Institute involving biomedical research in tropical medicine will be undertaken together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary.

SEC. 9. *Funding.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Western Visayas Sanitarium and Leprosarium. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the President Diosdado Macapagal Memorial Hospital and Research Institute for Tropical Medicine shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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