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- BY REPRESENTATIVES ANDAYA, BRAVO (M.V.), TAN (A.), SALO, VELASCO-CATERA, ERIGUEL, SUANSING (E.), AGGABAO, CHAVEZ, JALOSJOS, CASTRO (F.L.), ADIONG, LOBREGAT, ORTEGA (P.), MALAPITAN, ACOP, HERNANDEZ, GO (M.), ESCUDERO, MARTINEZ, ROQUE (H.), VARGAS-ALFONSO, PALMA, ESPINA, BIAZON, CUARESMA, GONZALEZ, BERTIZ, VILLARIN, VIOLAGO, CANAMA, ARCILLAS, TINIO, ARAGONES, DE JESUS, ELAGO, NAVA, TEJADA, GONZALES (A.D.), FARIÑAS, VELASCO, ZARATE, NOGRALES (K.A.), GARBIN, BELARO AND BRAVO (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 421
- AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL REGIONAL GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Bicol Sanitarium located in the Municipality
of Cabusao, Province of Camarines Sur is hereby converted into a
geriatric medical center to be known as the Bicol Regional Geriatric
Medical Center (BRGMC).

5 SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health 6 care services of the BRGMC are hereby upgraded and increased to 7 conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. 1 The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly 2 increased.

3 SEC. 3. All personnel, medical and nonmedical records, 4 assets and properties, including land and buildings, facilities and 5 equipment, sites, and improvements thereon, obligations, funds and 6 appropriations of the Bicol Sanitarium, including the Bicol Skin 7 Clinic located in Legazpi City, Province of Albay are hereby 8 transferred to the BRGMC.

9 SEC. 4. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination 10 with the Civil Service Commission, Department of Budget and 11 Management and DOH Regional Health Office V, shall promulgate 12 the conversion plan and organizational and staffing pattern of the 13 said specialty medical center.

14 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in 15 the Department's programs the operationalization of the BRGMC 16 for a period of not more than three (3) years, the initial funding of 17 which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of 18 the Bicol Sanitarium. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its 19 continued operation shall be included in the annual General 20 Appropriations Act.

21 SEC. 6. The DOH, through its Regional Health Office V 22 Director and the Medical Center Chief, in coordination with 23 concerned national and local government units, shall also prepare 24 the mechanisms for sourcing supplementary funds to augment the 25 operations of the BRGMC.

26 SEC. 7. Act 1711 of the Philippine Commission on the 27 establishment of the Bicol Treatment Station in Legazpi City, Albay

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is hereby repealed. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its 5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general 6 circulation.

Approved,

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