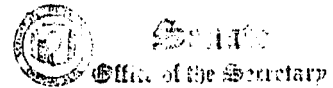


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 378**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance on  
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Re : Senate Bill No. 1654, taking into consideration of House Bill No. 6551

Recommending the approval of Senate Bill No. 1654 with amendments, taking into  
consideration House Bill No. 6551 *Andaya*

Sponsor : Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

**Mr. President:**

The Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance, to which were  
referred Senate Bill No. 1654, introduced by Senator Francis G. Escudero:

**"AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A GERIATRIC  
AND GENERAL 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"**

and House Bill No. 6551, introduced by Representative 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, Villarín, Violago, Canama, Arcillas, Tinio, Aragones, De Jesus, Elago, Nava,  
Tejada, Gonzales (A.D.), Farinas, Velasco, Zarate, Nograles (K.A.), Garbin, Belaro and  
Bravo (A.), entitled:

**"AN ACT**  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report Senate Bill No. 1654, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5881 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments, to wit:

1. On Page 1, delete the entire Section 1 and replace it with the following:

**"SECTION 1. THE MANDATE AND SERVICES OF THE BICOL**  
**SANITARIUM LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO,**  
**PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR IS HEREBY EXPANDED TO**  
**INCLUDE SANITARIA, GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES, AND**  
**SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ADULT AND AGEING**  
**POPULATION, AS WELL AS A CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND**  
**DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE.**

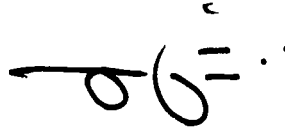
**THE BICOL SANITARIUM SHALL BE RENAMED AS THE BICOL**  
**REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER."**

2. On the Title of the Bill, delete the word "CONVERTING" and replace it with **"EXPANDING THE MANDATE AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF"**. Further, delete the phrase "INTO A GERIATRIC AND GENERAL", and replace it with the phrase **"TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER."** Thus, the Title of the bill, as amended, shall now read:

**"AN ACT**  
**EXPANDING THE MANDATE AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF THE**  
**BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO,**  
**PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL**  
**REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER,**  
**UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE**  
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**FUNDS THEREFOR"**

Respectfully submitted:

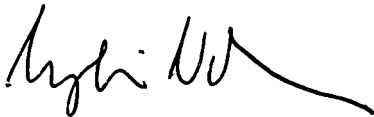
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Senate Bill No. 1654

Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

AN ACT

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 450-bed geriatric and general medical center to be known as the Bicol Regional Geriatric Medical Center (BRGMC) to serve the senior citizen and their immediate families.

**Sec. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the BRGMC are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. The facility will continuously work to manage and support the leprosy eradication program of the Department of Health especially in Bicol. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

**Sec. 3.** All personnel, medical and non-medical records, assets and properties, including land and buildings, facilities and equipment, sites, and improvements thereof, obligations, funds and appropriations of the Bicol Sanitarium, including the Bicol Skin Clinic located in Legazpi, Province of Albay are hereby transferred to the BRGMC.

**Sec. 4.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Budget and Management and the DOH Regional Health Office V, shall promulgate the conversion plan and organizational and staffing pattern of the said specialty medical center.

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

**Sec. 6.** The Department of Health, through its Regional Health Office V Director and Medical Center Chief, in coordination with concerned national and local government units, shall also prepare the mechanisms for sourcing supplementary funds to augment the operations if the BGRMC.

**Sec 7.** Act 1711 of the Philippine Commission on the establishment of the Bicol Treatment Station in Legazpi City, Albay, is hereby repealed. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

*Approved,*