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THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, IT'S PERSONNEL AND  
DEPENDENTS TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD  
GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that, "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers"

The Philippine Coast Guard is mandated and responsible to perform maritime search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, maritime safety, marine environmental protection and maritime security. Considering their herculean task, whereas, injuries, accidents or death are inevitable. Our Coast Guards have been often placed to various dangerous situations at sea that may risk their very life in the performance of their duties and functions.

This measure aims to recognize their hard work, bravery, and heroism. To address their wellbeing is the State's utmost concern without sacrificing and jeopardizing the future of their family and loved ones. Hence, it is only imperative that a Philippine Coast Guard Hospital be established intended primarily for our Coast Guards and their dependents to address all of their medical needs and other services.

This is the most opportune time to create and establish the Philippine Coast Guard Hospital in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service, in relation to the national government's health care agenda.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

Respectfully Submitted

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**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1       **SECTION 1. Short Title.-** This act shall be known as the  
2 "Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital Act."  
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4       **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State  
5 to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health  
6 development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health  
7 and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.  
8 Towards this end, and in order to adequately respond to emergencies,  
9 disasters and emerging diseases, the state shall protect the interest  
10 and promote the well being and the medical needs of the coast guard  
11 personnel and their dependents.  
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13       **SECTION 3. Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital.** – To  
14 the carry out the above policy, a hospital for the personnel and  
15 employees of the Philippine Coast Guard and their dependents is  
16 hereby established to be known as the Philippine Coast Guard General  
17 Hospital. The hospital shall be constructed and built in the Coast  
18 Guard Base Taguig, Lower Bicutan, Taguig City.  
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1           **SECTION 4. Objectives.** - To ensure the availability,  
2 accessibility and affordability of quality health care, The Philippine  
3 Coast Guard General Hospital shall have the following objectives:  
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5           a.) To provide a comprehensive and total health care services to  
6 all personnel and employees of the Philippine Coast Guard and their  
7 dependents.  
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9           b.) To complement the existing package of services under the  
10 health care program so as to include preventive, promotive, diagnostic,  
11 curative and rehabilitative programs;  
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13           c.) To conduct medical examination of all the trainees of the  
14 Philippine Coast Guard to ensure their physical and mental capability;  
15 and  
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17           d.) To monitor the condition of patients and to generate relevant  
18 information and data in aid policy information.  
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20           For purposes of this Act, **dependents** refer to: (a) the legitimate  
21 spouse dependent for support upon the concerned coast guard  
22 personnel, (b) the legitimate, illegitimate, or legally adopted children,  
23 chiefly dependent upon and living with the coast guard personnel if  
24 such child is not more than twenty- one (21) years of age, unmarried  
25 and not gainfully employed or is over the age of majority but  
26 incapacitated and incapable of self-support due to a mental or  
27 physical defect and (c) the parents dependent upon the coast guard  
28 personnel for support.  
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30           **SEC. 5. Administration-** Upon the effectivity of the Act, the  
31 Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital shall be administered by a  
32 Board of Directors consisting of:  
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34           (a) The Secretary of Health , as ex- officio chairperson;  
35           (b) The Secretary of Transportatio, as ex-officio vice- chairperson;  
36           (c) Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard;  
37           (d) Deputy Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard; and  
38           (e) Command Surgeon of the Philippine Coast Guard Medical  
39 Service; as members.  
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41           **SEC. 6. - Powers and Responsibilities.** - The Board of  
42 Directors of the Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital shall have  
43 the following powers and responsibilities:  
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1 (a) Formulate and implement measures and programs to attain  
2 the objectives of the Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital;

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4 (b) Develop a program of patient care and hospital  
5 administration that includes the establishment, management,  
6 operation, and maintenance of a hospital organization with clearly  
7 defined lines of administration, operational and professional authority  
8 and responsibility, functional relationships, and lines of  
9 communication and coordination among its various administrative  
10 and operational units;

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12 (c) Organize the structure of the Philippine Coast Guard General  
13 Hospital in accordance with the staffing pattern prepared by it and  
14 approved by the department of budget and Management, appoint the  
15 officials and employees of the hospital, subject to civil service laws,  
16 rules and regulations, prescribe their duties and fix their  
17 compensation subject to the provisions of Republic Act. No. 6758,  
18 otherwise known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act  
19 of 1989."

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21 (d) Provide training for all hospital personnel so that the highest  
22 professional level of patient care may be maintained in accordance  
23 with the requirements of the Department of Health;

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25 (e) Enter into agreements and contracts in connection with its  
26 establishment, maintenance, operations and objectives;

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28 (f) Issue rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this  
29 Act; and

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31 (g) Perform such other duties and functions as may be provided  
32 by law.

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34 **SEC. 7. Appropriation.** - The amount of Four Hundred Million  
35 Pesos (P400,000,000) is hereby appropriated for the establishment  
36 and initial operation of the Philippine Coast Guard General Hospital.  
37 Thereafter, future appropriations for its operation shall be included in  
38 the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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40 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.**- All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
41 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions  
42 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1           **SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** - The Act shall take effect after  
2 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in the  
3 newspaper of general circulation.

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