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#### AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SATELLITE EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS THE JOAQUIN VILLANUEVA EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CENTER

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make health and social services available to all people. An essential component of which involves the provision of facilities and systems to address medical emergencies, crises and precarious situations.

In Central Luzon, the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital, with authorized capacity of 500 beds, is currently providing the necessary access to medical services within the region. However, since the Hospital is located in San Fernando, Pampanga, residents in the neighboring provinces within the region, such Bulacan, would have to travel for hours just to reach the Hospital. Thus, there is a need to establish satellite medical centers to ensure delivery of quality medical services to all regardless of their location.

This measure seeks to establish the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital Satellite Emergency and Trauma Center, primarily oriented to provide medical treatment and assistance to the residents of Bulacan and nearby provinces.

This health facility will be named after Joaquin Villanueva, an Olympic sprinter from the province of Bulacan who represented the country at the Far Eastern Games for four consecutive years in the 1920s, became a World War II veteran and faced perilous life-or-death situations with bravery and unwavering patriotism for the Philippines.

Immediate passage of this bill is of utmost importance.

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

- Section 1. *Establishment.* There shall be established an additional facility to the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital Satellite Emergency and Trauma Center, known as the Joaquin Villanueva Emergency and Trauma Center, with a minimum capacity of one hundred (100) beds, to be located in Bocaue, province of Bulacan.
  - Sec. 2. *Administration*. The Joaquin Villanueva Emergency and Trauma Center shall be under full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health, which shall progressively increase its operating fund, upgrade its medical equipment and facilities, and construct the necessary infrastructure to implement the provisions of this Act.
- Sec. 3. *Operation and Maintenance*. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the Joaquin Villanueva Emergency and Trauma Center.
  - Sec. 4. *Appropriations*. The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Health in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment to law and thereafter.
  - Sec. 5. Separability. If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

- Sec. 6. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly. 3
- Sec. 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete 4 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation. 5

Approved,

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