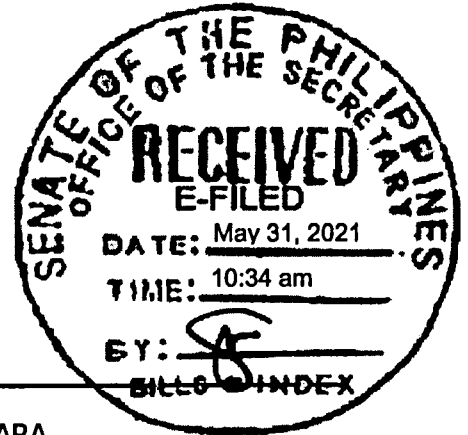


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SENATE

Senate Bill No. 2244

Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GCGMH) TO GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL COMPLEX (GCGMMC) IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11324, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since its establishment in 1929, the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital or GCGMH has evolved from an eight-bed provincial hospital to a level three hospital with specialty centers and training facilities. It plays a vital role in providing quality health care services that are equitable, accessible and affordable to all patients especially the underprivileged and underserved in the province of Bohol.

Even prior to the pandemic, the need to expand and modernize the GCGMH was already evident. Thus, in 2013, a five-hectare lot in Barangay Malayo, Cortes was donated to the Department of Health for the purpose of upgrading and modernizing the health services of the province through the GCGMH. This modernization program was done in support of the national policy on Universal Health Program of the national government as embodied in the Department Health Reform Agenda. Further in 2019, Republic Act No. 11324 was enacted increasing the bed capacity of GCGMH from 225 beds to 525 beds.

Despite these improvements, the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the inadequacies of the GCGMH. The need to further modernize GCGMH, which catered the medical needs not just of the Boholanos but also of the whole Central Visayas, becomes all the more imperative and urgent.

Thus, to fully implement the modernization program and the recent approval of the increased bed capacity, and to enhance the readiness of GCGMH to cope with the challenges of a pandemic, this measure proposes to convert GCGMH to Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex (GCGMMC). The GCGMMC shall be comprised of the Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-

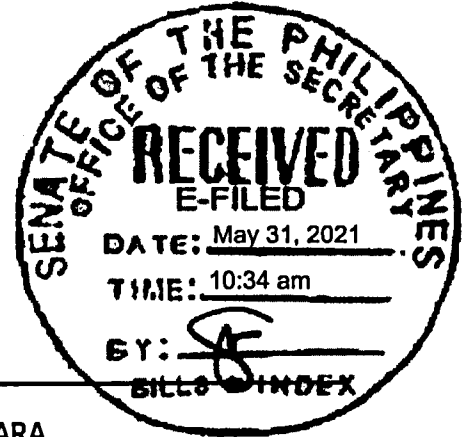
specialty Medical Center in the Municipality of Cortes. Through such a conversion, the health services provided to GCGMH's patients will definitely improve in view of the added facilities for critical health care, diagnosis, dialysis, operating units, and patient care, among others. Ultimately, the conversion will ensure accessibility and affordability of healthcare services in the province, decongest nearby hospitals especially in Cebu, and open opportunities to Boholano professionals in the medical field.

We hope that through this measure, which was originally filed by Representative Edgar M. Chatto in the House of Representatives, the Philippines' journey toward becoming a pandemic-ready country will be achieved. In view of the abovementioned circumstances, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital in the
2 Province of Bohol, is hereby converted to Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty
3 Medical Complex (GCGMMC).

4 **SEC. 2.** The Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex
5 shall be comprised of the Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-
6 specialty Medical Center in the municipality of Cortes, Province of Bohol. It shall
7 have branches in such locations as the GCGMMC may thereafter identify and in
8 accordance with DOH programs and rules.

9 **SEC. 3.** The existing services, capability, professional health care services and
10 medical staff complement of the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital is
11 hereby upgraded and increased to correspond with the requirements of the multi-
12 specialty medical complex.

13 **SEC. 4.** The increase in the service capability, health care services and bed
14 capacity shall conform to the hospital development plan of the multi-specialty
15 medical complex.

1 **SEC. 5.** The Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex
2 shall be under the control and supervision of the Department of Health. The day-to-
3 day operation of the multi-specialty medical complex shall be supervised by a
4 Medical Center Chief with Salary Grade 27.

5 The Ambulatory Care Center in Tagbilaran City and the Multi-specialty Medical
6 Center in the municipality of Cortes shall be supervised by its respective Deputy
7 Medical Chief with Salary Grade 25. The Deputy Medical Chief shall be a medical
8 doctor with masters degree in accordance with civil service rules and regulations for
9 positions of the same level.

10 **SEC. 6.** The Department of Health shall determine the staffing pattern as
11 approved by the Department of Budget and Management, appoint the officials and
12 employees of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex
13 subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, prescribe their duties and fix their
14 compensation in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 6758 otherwise
15 known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989".

16 **SEC. 7.** Republic Act No. 11324 entitled, "An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity
17 of Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH) in Tagbilaran City,
18 Province of Bohol from Two Hundred Twenty-Five (225) to Five Hundred Twenty-
19 Five (525) Beds and Upgrading Its Services and Facilities, Amending for the Purpose
20 Republic Act No. 7266, and Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes," is
21 hereby amended accordingly.

22 **SEC. 8.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
23 Department's program the operationalization of the Governor Celestino Gallares
24 Multi-Specialty Medical Complex. The initial funding of which shall be charged
25 against the current year's appropriation for the Department of Health. Thereafter,
26 the amount necessary for the continued operation of the medical center shall be
27 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

28 **SEC. 9.** The Secretary of Health shall be given the authority to determine the
29 increase in bed capacity of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical
30 Complex as the need arises.

31 **SEC. 10.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary
32 of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management,

1 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 11.** If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder
4 of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

5 **SEC. 12.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
6 instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby
7 repealed or modified accordingly.

8 **SEC. 13.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
9 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general
10 circulation.

Approved,