

SENATE  
S.B. No. 2298

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Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF MAASIN, SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL III HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVACION OPPUS-YÑIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, PLACING THE CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 11 of Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution 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."*

Southern Leyte is located in the Eastern Visayas region with a total population of 421,750, according to the 2015 Population Census. The province comprises 1 component city, 18 municipalities and 500 barangays.

Located in the City of Maasin, the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital (SOYMPH) serves as the provincial hospital of the province of Southern Leyte. However, the hospital is still not enough to cater and serve fully all the people in the province with its current personnel and equipment, especially with the ongoing pandemic. As such, to better facilitate the health and medical services to the public, it is but fitting to upgrade and improve the facilities and training of the personnel of the institution.

This bill seeks to convert the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital in the City of Maasin, Southern Leyte into a Tertiary Hospital - Level III to be known as the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, under the full administrative and technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health to address its need to upgrade its facilities and further improve its services and enable

the public access to world-class health care and medical services as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution

This bill also seeks to increase the overall bed capacity of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds and upgrade the existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center to enable the medical institution to conform and commensurate with the increase in its bed capacity, consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a Tertiary Level III Hospital.

In view of the foregoing, the expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall give adequate, accessible and affordable primary, secondary and tertiary health services to all the citizens.

**SEC. 2. Statement of Objectives.** – The objectives of this Act are:

- (1) To upgrade the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital into a Tertiary Level III Hospital;
- (2) To provide easy, affordable and timely access to tertiary health care for the people of the province of Southern Leyte, especially the underprivileged, the poor, disabled, women and children, and as resources would allow, free medical care to indigent citizens;
- (3) To provide teaching, training and research facilities for students in medicine, nursing, therapy, x-ray technology and other allied health profession in the province of Southern Leyte through the Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center;
- (4) To promote, encourage and engage in scientific research in the prevention of diseases and the care and treatment of patients and related activities, including the grant of scholarships and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars and conferences; and

1 (5) To provide other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and  
2 rules of the Universal Health Care Act.

3 **SEC. 3. *Conversion.*** – The Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez Memorial Hospital in the city  
4 of Maasin, Southern Leyte is hereby convened into a Tertiary Hospital - Level III to be  
5 known as the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center, under the full  
6 administrative and technical supervision, control and management of the Department  
7 of Health.

8 For this purpose, the bed capacity of the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial  
9 Medical Center shall be increased from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300)  
10 beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented for a period of not more than  
11 five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act.

12 **SEC. 4. *Upgrade of Facilities and Services.*** – The existing service facilities and  
13 professional health care services of the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical  
14 Center are hereby upgraded to conform with its objective under Section 2 hereof and  
15 shall be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 3  
16 hereof, consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as  
17 a Tertiary Hospital - Level II.

18 The upgrade shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the purchase or  
19 acquisition of land, the construction of additional hospital infrastructure, which will  
20 house hospital areas, rooms, wards and laboratory units, necessary to upgrade the  
21 efficient delivery of the hospital healthcare services.

22 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Health shall  
23 issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.  
24 Provided that, the *plantilla* employees of Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical  
25 Center which include physicians, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased  
26 correspondingly commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity. The Secretary of  
27 Health, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management, Commissioner  
28 of the Civil Service Commission and the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical  
29 Center, shall determine the additional *plantilla* positions to be created pursuant to this  
30 Act.

31 **SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in  
32 the program of the Department of Health the implementation of this Act, the funding  
33 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

34 The provincial government of Southern Leyte shall continue to provide the same  
35 level of financial assistance to the Salvacion Oppus- Yñiguez Memorial Medical Center  
36 until such time that the national government shall have fully funded the capital outlay  
37 requirements of the hospital, its operating expenses and personnel compensation in  
38 the annual General Appropriations Act.

1       **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, orders, decrees, rules, rules and regulations  
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
3 accordingly.

4       **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared  
5 to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected  
6 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

7       **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*