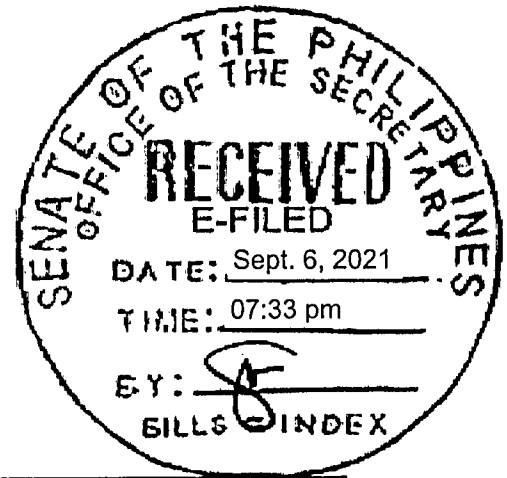


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SENATE
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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

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CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF LUCENA,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON, INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL
TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution emphasizes the responsibility of the State to enhance the delivery of health services to the people. Section 11, Article XIII provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development that shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at all cost." To further this pursuit, Section 15, Article II also provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them."

The Quezon Medical Center, located in the City of Lucena, has been catering to the medical and health needs not just of the constituents of the city but to the entire Province of Quezon. In fact, due to the rising healthcare needs of Filipinos, the hospital has been catering to 600 daily occupancies as of 2018 data despite only having a 200-bed capacity. In response, the Provincial Government of Quezon provided the necessary medical equipment and facilities to the hospital in order to capacitate the institution in accommodating the influx of patients.

Hence, the bill – a counterpart to the version of Representatives Aleta Suarez, David "Jay-Jay" Suarez, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, Luis Raymund "LRay" Villafuerte,

and Joy Myra Tambunting - seeks to convert the Quezon Medical Center from a secondary hospital into a tertiary hospital with an increased bed capacity which will provide better health services and strengthen preventive care. The measure also proposes to establish the Quezon Medical Center into a regional training center for doctors, nurses, medical technologists, midwives, radiologists, pharmacists, and allied professions which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

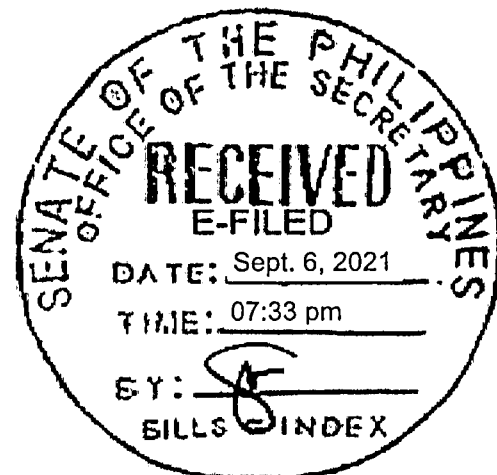
This measure, which is also expected to promote the health-seeking behavior of Filipinos especially in the locality, will greatly benefit the Province of Quezon as this will enable the institution to cater and respond to the emerging health concerns of more patients including the nearby areas.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of the 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 Quezon Medical Center in the City of Lucena, Province of
2 Quezon, is hereby converted into a tertiary level hospital and regional training center,
3 which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health
4 (DOH).

5 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Quezon Medical Center shall be
6 increased from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) beds. Any future increase in
7 bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, that shall be
8 prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Quezon Medical Center and submitted to the
9 DOH.

10 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
11 Quezon Medical Center shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate
12 to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

13 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the Quezon Medical Center including doctors,
14 nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

15 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of
16 Hospitals of the Quezon Medical Center, and in coordination with the Secretary of the

1 Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service
2 Commission (CSC), determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

3 **SEC. 6.** The DBM shall determine, in consultation with the DOH and the
4 Provincial Government of Quezon, the cost of the renationalized functions relative to the
5 operations of the Quezon Medical Center, from the current Internal Revenue Allotment
6 (IRA) of the Province of Quezon. Thereafter, such amount shall be allocated to the
7 DOH, chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Quezon.

8 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
9 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
10 annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 8.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
12 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent
14 with this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

15 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
16 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.