



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4163

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAZA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 628

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR INTO THE SAMAR ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

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

5 SEC. 2. *Objectives.* –

6 (a) To upgrade the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital into a Tertiary
7 Hospital -- Level III;

8 (b) To provide easy accessibility to tertiary health care for the less
9 fortunate Filipinos from Samar Island; and

10 (c) To provide teaching, training and medical research, hospital for
11 medical students in Samar Island through the Samar Island Medical Center.

1 SEC. 3. *Conversion.* – The Northern Samar Provincial Hospital in the
2 Municipality of Catarman, Province of Northern Samar is hereby converted
3 into a Tertiary Hospital – Level III to be known as Samar Island Medical
4 Center, increasing therefore its bed capacity to three hundred (300). It shall be
5 under the full administrative and technical supervision, control and
6 management of the Department of Health.

7 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of
8 Health shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective
9 implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The provincial government of Northern
11 Samar shall continue to provide the same level of financial assistance to the
12 Northern Samar Provincial Hospital until such time that the national
13 government shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the
14 hospital and its operating expenses in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
16 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
17 circulation.

Approved,

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