

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
2nd Regular Session

House Bill No. **4802**



Introduced by HONORABLE BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a 100 bed capacity, Bantayan Island National Hospital to be located in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu. This hospital will serve as a tertiary hospital to cater the entire island of Bantayan which shall be directly supervised by the Department of Health.

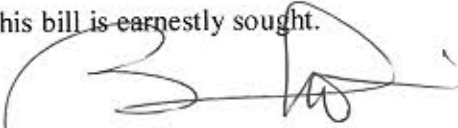
The establishment of said hospital has become urgently necessary in view of its growing population. Bantayan Island being composed of three municipalities, namely, Bantayan, Sta. Fe and Madridejos. As of 2012 census, the population of the entire island has already reached One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two (143,562). Although the municipality of Bantayan has a local district hospital run by the local government it is however a primary care facility.

Likewise the Department of Tourism and the tourism industry has identified Bantayan Island as a tourist destination. The influx of more tourists can be seen in its increasing arrivals every year. The lack of tertiary general hospital as a requirement for a tourist destination has become more imminent to address the medical needs of the entire population of the island and the tourists both local and foreign.

Presently the nearest hospital to Bantayan Island is the Severo Veralllo Memorial Hospital located in Bogo City which can be reached by an hour and half travel by boat from the island but is likewise a primary care facility. The only hospitals available for tertiary services are the ones located in the City of Cebu which will take four (4) hours of travel by land and sea from Bantayan Island. It is therefore the intention of this bill to immediately address this urgent concern of creating a 100 bed capacity Bantayan Island National Hospital.

Based on the foregoing, the establishment of a national hospital in the area would provide a solution to the medical needs of the growing population of the island and for the increasing number of tourist per year. The resources of the local government and its limitations cannot sustain the operation of a major hospital thus the intervention of the national government. Only the national government thru the Department of Health can effectively run and operate a hospital of this nature and can handle the delivery of the major health services. Thus the creation of this bill is a must.

It is in this light that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANTAYAN ISLAND
NATIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN,
PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There is hereby established in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu, a one hundred (100) bed capacity national hospital under the direct supervision of the Department of Health to be known as the Bantayan Island National Hospital;

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act.

Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.