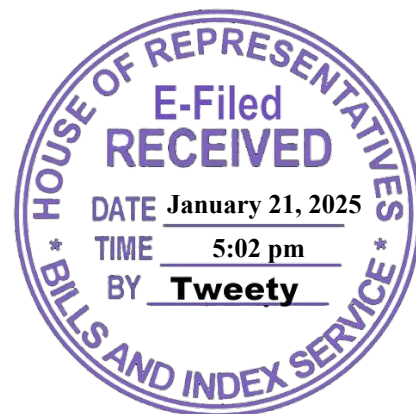


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 11325**



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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed measure seeks to establish the Dagupan Maternity and Children’s Hospital in the City of Dagupan, Province of Pangasinan, to provide specialized healthcare services dedicated to mothers and children in the region. As one of the most populous provinces in the Philippines, Pangasinan faces significant challenges in maternal and child health. Despite the presence of healthcare facilities such as the Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) in Dagupan City—a government hospital with a 600-bed capacity—there remains a considerable gap in specialized maternal and pediatric care. Existing hospitals in the city cater to a wide range of medical cases, often leading to overstretched resources and longer waiting times for women and children requiring focused medical attention.

The establishment of the Dagupan Maternity and Children’s Hospital will help address these challenges by providing dedicated services, including prenatal and postnatal care, neonatal intensive care, and pediatric treatments. This specialized facility will not only reduce the patient load in general hospitals like R1MC but also improve health outcomes for mothers and children through timely and appropriate medical interventions.

The creation of a dedicated maternity and children’s hospital will bring numerous benefits to Dagupan City and the surrounding areas. It will improve maternal and child health indicators by ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to specialized care. Moreover, the establishment of this hospital will enhance the overall efficiency of healthcare service delivery in the region by allowing general hospitals to allocate their resources more effectively. In addition to improving health outcomes, this initiative will have a positive socio-economic impact by reducing healthcare costs associated with complications arising from inadequate maternal and child healthcare.

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

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAGUPAN MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health, a Maternity and Children's Hospital in the City of Dagupan, Province of Pangasinan, to be known as the Dagupan Maternity and Children's Hospital.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the establishment, operation and maintenance, of the Dagupan Maternity and Children's Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Dagupan Maternity and Children's Hospital shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,