

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8599, March 20, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAGAYAN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Cagayan Valley Regional Hospital in the Municipality of Tuguegarao, Cagayan (Region II) is hereby converted into a medical center to be renamed as Cagayan Valley Medical Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, and increasing its bed capacity to five hundred (500).

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 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.

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

Approved,

**(Sgd.) ERNESTO M. MACEDA**  
*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on January 12, 1998 and December 8, 1997, respectively.

**(Sgd.) LORENZO E. LEYNES JR.**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**  
*Secretary General House of Representatives*

Approved:

**FIDEL V. RAMOS**  
*President of the Philippines*

Lapsed into law on March 20, 1998, without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.

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