

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7609, June 11, 1992]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF SELECTED MUNICIPAL MAIN HEALTH CENTERS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INTO MUNICIPAL HEALTH INFIRMARIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to give primary concern to the promotion, protection, preservation or restoration of the health of the people through the provision and delivery of basic care services.

SEC. 2. *Conversion of Municipal Main Health Centers to Municipal Health Infirmaries.* – Pursuant to the above policy, selected municipal main health units as may be determined by the Members of the House of Representatives and the Department of Health shall be converted into five-bed capacity municipal health infirmaries.

SEC. 3. *Criteria for Conversion.* – The Department of Health and the Members of the House of Representatives shall be guided by the following criteria in the conversion of such municipal main health centers:

- a. Absence of public health care facilities such as clinics or hospitals in the area;
- b. Geographical consideration such as remoteness or isolation of communities from the mainland of a province by bodies of water or by formidable mountain terrain;
- c. Inaccessibility to towns with medical care facilities due to lack of transportation facilities; and
- d. General insufficiency of medical care facilities of the province or islands.

SEC. 4. *Selection of Sites for Municipal Health Infirmary.* – The regional health director through the provincial health officer shall recommend the main health centers which shall be converted into municipal health infirmaries in accordance with the criteria set forth in the preceding section: *Provided, That,* in the first year of implementing this Act, the health infirmaries shall be established in municipalities and cities enumerated in the attached list.

SEC. 5. *Responsibilities and Duties.* – The municipal health infirmary shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

- a. Admit and extend first-aid treatment for emergency cases;
- b. Transfer or refer patients to better-equipped government or private hospitals when necessary as soon as such patients are out of immediate danger; and
- c. Provide basic health service to the people.

SEC. 6. *Staffing Pattern and Required Personnel.* – The existing medical staff and personnel of the municipal main health units concerned shall constitute the personnel of the infirmaries so established and, in addition thereto, without prejudice to appointing additional health personnel as may be determined necessary by the Department of Health.

SEC. 7. *Equipment and Supplies.* – The Department of Health shall, aside from drugs and medicines, provide each infirmary with the following equipment:

- a. Basic sets for abnormal maternal delivery;
- b. Minor surgical sets for suturing and repair of wounds;
- c. Transfusion or infusion sets;
- d. Microscope and laboratory sets for cross matching and typing, and identification of malarial and amoebic parasites;
- e. Ophthalmoscopic and otoscopic sets for EENT cases;
- f. Trachetomy sets;
- g. Basic fracture set boards or metal frames for fractures;
- h. Intravenous sets;
- i. Ambo bags for respiratory resuscitation; and
- j. Local anesthetics or narcoleptics.

SEC. 8. *Transfer of Personnel, Assets and Records.* – The properties, records, obligations and appropriations of the municipal main health units concerned shall be transferred to the infirmaries so established.

SEC. 9. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Appropriations.* – 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. 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

(Sgd.) NEPTALI A. GONZALES

President of the Senate

(Sgd.) RAMON V. MITRA

*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 November 25, 1991 and January 23, 1992, respectively.

(Sgd.) ANACLETO D. BADOY, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

(Sgd.) CAMILO L. SABIO

*Secretary General House of
Representatives*

Approved: June 11, 1992

(Sgd.) CORAZON C. AQUINO

President of the Philippines

**LIST OF HEALTH INFIRMARIES
(under HB 25907 approved by the Committee on
Health)**

REGION	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY
NCR	Manila	San Andres Bukid
NCR	Manila	Pateros
NCR	Manila	Valenzuela (Elysian Subdivision)
NCR	Kalookan City	Dagat-Dagatan Area
NCR	Kalookan City	Barrio San Jose
CAR	Abra	Bucloc
CAR	Abra	Baay-Licuan
CAR	Ifugao	Banaue
CAR	Benguet	Itogon
CAR	Mt. Province	Sagada
1	Ilocos Norte	Pinili
1	Ilocos Norte	Carasi
1	Ilocos Sur	Bantay
1	Ilocos Sur	Lidlidda
1	Ilocos Sur	San Ildefonso
1	Pangasinan	San Nicolas
1	Pangasinan	Sual
1	Pangasinan	Aguilar
1	Pangasinan	Sta. Barbara
1	Pangasinan	San Jacinto
1	Pangasinan	Sto. Tomas
1	Pangasinan	Umingan
1	La Union	Caba
1	La Union	Sudipen
2	Batanes	Ivana
2	Isabela	Burgos
2	Isabela	Sto. Tomas
2	Isabela	Cabagan
2	Isabela	San Pablo
2	Cagayan	Iguig
2	Nueva Vizcaya	Aritao
2	Kalinga Apayao	Amma Jodsoc Pudtol
3	Bulacan	Meycauayan
3	Bulacan	Pandi
3	Bulacan	Plaridel
3	Bulacan	Guiguinto
3	Zambales	Cabangan
3	Zambales	Palauig

3	Zambales	Castillejos
3	Bataan	Mariveles RHU I
3	Bataan	Abucay
3	Bataan	Hermosa
3	Bataan	Samal
3	Tarlac	Sacobia
3	Tarlac	San Jose
3	Nueva Ecija	Laur
3	Nueva Ecija	Gabaldon
3	Nueva Ecija	Pantabangan
3	Nueva Ecija	San Leonardo
3	Nueva Ecija	General Natividad
3	Nueva Ecija	Munoz
3	Pampanga	Magalang
3	Pampanga	Sta. Ana
3	Pampanga	Mexico
3	Pampanga	Sasmuan
3	Pampanga	Candaba II
3	Pampanga	San Simeon
3	Pampanga	Minalin
4	Aurora	Dingalan
4	Batangas	Ibaan
4	Batangas	Alitagtag
4	Batangas	Mabini
4	Batangas	Tuy
4	Cavite	Gen. Aguinaldo
4	Cavite	Bacoar
4	Cavite	Ternate
4	Quezon	Perez
4	Quezon	Quezon
4	Quezon	Real
4	Quezon	Bordeos
4	Quezon	Mulanay
4	Quezon	San Andres
4	Quezon	Tiaong
4	Quezon	Dolores
4	Quezon	Calauag
4	Quezon	Macaleon
4	Oriental Mindoro	Bansud
4	Oriental Mindoro	Bongabon
4	Oriental Mindoro	San Teodoro
4	Oriental Mindoro	Pinamalayan
4	Oriental Mindoro	Socorro
4	Occidental Mindoro	Magsaysay
4	Occidental Mindoro	Rizal
4	Rizal	Binangonan
4	Rizal	Baras
4	Laguna	Alaminos
4	Laguna	Victoria
4	Laguna	Bay
4	Laguna	Famy
4	Laguna	Kabulusan Pakil