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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,

MITRA

NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate

RAMON V.
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.

SABIO
ANACLETO D. BADOY, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

CAMILO L.
Secretary General
House of Representatives

Approved: June 11 1992

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	Gabalton
3	Nueva Ecija	Pantabangan
3	Nueva Ecija	San Leonardo
3	Nueva Ecija	General Natividad
3	Nueva Ecija	Munoz
3	Pampangan	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	lbaan
4	Batangas	Alitagtag
4	Batangas	Mabini
4	Batangas	Tuy
4	Cavite	Gen. Aguinaldo

4	Cavite	Bacoor
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
4	Laguna	Sta. Rosa
4	Marinduque	Mogpog
4	Marinduque	Gasan
4	Marinduque	Buenavista
4	Romblon	Calatrava
4	Romblon	Banton
4	Palawan	Balabac
5	Albay	Sto. Domingo
5	Albay	Malilipot
5	Albay	Bacacay
5	Albay	Tiwi
5	Albay	Oas
5	Albay	Libon
5	Albay	Ligao
5	Albay	Guinobatan
5	Albay	Jovellar
5	Albay	Legaspi City
5	Albay	Batan, Rapu-Rapu
5	Albay	Camalig (Cotmon)
5	Camarines Sur	Tigaon
5	Camarines Sur	Del Gallego
5	Camarines Sur	Calabanga
5	Camarines Norte	Jose Panganiban
5	Catanduanes	Bagamanoc
5	Catanduanes	San Miguel
5	Sorsogon	Pilar
5	Sorsogon	Casiguran

5	Sorsogon	Gubat
5	Masbate	Mobo
5	Masbate	San Fernando
5	Masbate	Palanas
5	Masbate	Pio V. Corpus
6	Aklan	Balete
6	Aklan	New Washington
6	Capiz	President Roxas
6	Capiz	Maayon
6	Capiz	Panay
6	Capiz	Dumalag
6	Capiz	Sigma
6	Iloilo	Estancia
6	Iloilo	Bingawan
6	Iloilo	Maasin
6	Iloilo	Tigbawan
6	Iloilo	Duenas
6	Iloilo	Monfort North, Dumangas
6	Iloilo	Anilao
6	Iloilo	Banate
6	Iloilo	Dingle
6	Iloilo	San Enrique
6	Iloilo	Buenavista
6	Iloilo	Tubongan
6	Iloilo	Badiangan
6	Antique	Belison
6	Antique	Patnongon
6	Antique	Libertad
6	Antique	Anini-y(Lisub-B)
6	Negros Occidental	Toboso
6	Negros Occidental	Sipalay
6	Negros Occidental	Candoni
6	Negros Occidental	Hinigaran
6	Negros Occidental	Manapla
6	Negros Occidental	La Castellana
6	Negros Occidental	Moises Padilla
6	Negros Occidental	Bacolod, Sum Ag
6	Negros Occidental	Bacolod, Mansilingan
6	Negros Occidental	Kabankalan (Tabugon)
7	Cebu	Dumanjog
7	Cebu	Naga
7	Cebu	San Fernando
7	Cebu	Sibongan
7	Cebu	Santander
7	Cebu	Aloginsa
7	Cebu	Mualbual
7	Cebu	Tabuelan
7	Cebu	Cordoba
7	Negros Oriental	Tanjay
7	Negros Oriental	Himalatud

7	Bohol	Tubigan
7	Bohol	Dimiao
7	Bohol	Jetafe
7	Bohol	Bien Unido
7	Bohol	Sikatuna
7	Bohol	Loay
7	Bohol	San Miguel
7	Siquijor	Larena
7	Siquijor	Maria
8	Leyte	Albuera
8	Leyte	Tanauan
8	Leyte	Sta. Fe
8	Leyte	Tolosa
8	Leyte	San Miguel
8	Leyte	Alangalang
8	Leyte	Tabontabon
8	Leyte	Cabucgayan
8	Leyte	San Isidro
8	Leyte	Kawayan
8	Leyte	Leyte
8	Leyte	Javier
8	Southern Leyte	Saint Bernard
8	Southern Leyte	Limasawa
8	Northern Samar	Lope de Vega
8	Northern Samar	Mapanas
8	Northern Samar	Pambujan
8	Northern Samar	Lapinig
8	Northern Samar	Palapag
8	Northern Samar	Silvino Lobos
8	Eastern Samar	Maslog
8	Eastern Samar	Jipapad
8	Western Samar	Sto. Nino
9	Sulu	Panglima Estimo 1
9	Sulu	Patikul
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Godod
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Tampilisan
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Mutia
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Rizal
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Siayan
9	Zamboanga del Norte	Polanco
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Dumingag
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Midsalip
9	Zamboanga del Sur	San Pablo
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Dimataling
9	Zamboanga del Sur	R.T. Lim
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Diplahan
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Mabuhay
9	Zamboanga del Sur	Bayog
9	Zamboanga City	Ayala District
9	Zamboanga City	Vitali
9	Tawi-Tawi	Bongao
9	Tawi-Tawi	Balimbing

10	Surigao del Norte	Tubajon
10	Surigao del Norte	San Jose
10	Surigao del Norte	San Isidro
10	Surigao del Norte	Tubod
10	Agusan del Norte	Carmen
10	Agusan del Norte	Magallanes
10	Agusan del Norte	Tungao (Butuan City)
10	Agusan del Sur	Bayugan
10	Agusan del Sur	Talacogon
10	Agusan del Sur	Veruela
10	Bukidnon	Don Carlos
10	Bukidnon	Lantapan
10	Bukidnon	Manolo Fortich
10	Bukidnon	Talakag
10	Bukidnon	Kadingilan
10	Bukidnon	Baungon
10	Cagayan de Oro City	Nazareth
10	Misamis Occidental	Baliangao
10	Misamis Occidental	Lopez Jaena
10	Misamis Occidental	Mariano Marcos
10	Misamis Occidental	Bonifacio
10	Misamis Oriental	Salay
10	Misamis Oriental	Libertad
11	Davao City	Toril
11	Davao City	Talonio
11	Davao City	Bunawan
11	Davao	San Vicente
11	Davao del Sur	Magsaysay
11	Davao del Sur	Sulop
11	Davao del Norte	Asuncion
11	Davao del Norte	New Bataan
11	Davao del Norte	Compostela
11	Davao del Norte	Nabunturan
11	Davao del Norte	Sto. Tomas
11	Davao Oriental	Caraga
11	Davao Oriental	San Isidro
11	Surigao del Sur	Carrascal
11	Davao Oriental	Baganga
11	South Cotabato	Tampakan
11	South Cotabato	Tiboli
11	South Cotabato	Surallah
11	South Cotabato	Sto. Nino
11	South Cotabato	Alabel
11	South Cotabato	Malapatan
11	South Cotabato	Koronadal
11	South Cotabato	Maitum
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Norte	Kauswagan
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Norte	Magsaysay
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Norte	Lala
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Norte	Salvador
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Norte	Sapad

Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Sur	Bumbaran
Autonomous Reg.	Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan
Autonomous Reg.	Maguindanao	Parang
Autonomous Reg.	Maguindanao	Buldon
Autonomous Reg.	Maguindanao	Datu Piang
Autonomous Reg.	Maguindanao	Sultan Sa Barongis
Autonomous Reg.	Basilan	Lantawan
Autonomous Reg.	Basilan	Tuburan
Autonomous Reg.	Basilan	Maluso
12	Sultan Kudarat	Palimbang
12	North Cotabato	President Roxas
12	North Cotabato	Makilala
12	North Cotabato	Matalam
12	North Cotabato	Midsayap