

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9259, March 02, 2004]

**AN ACT CREATING A BODY CORPORATE TO BE KNOWN AS THE
LA UNION MEDICAL CENTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "The La Union Medical Center Charter."

SEC. 2. *Creation of the La Union Medical Center.* — There is hereby created a corporate body, for the benefit primarily of the people of the Province of La Union, to be known as the "La Union Medical Center," hereinafter referred to as the LUMC.

SEC. 3. *Board of Trustees.* — The LUMC shall be administered by a Board of Trustees composed of fifteen (15) members. The following members shall serve *ex officio*.

- a. The Governor of the Province of La Union;
- b. The Vice Governor of the Province of La Union;
- c. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union;
- d. The Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union;
- e. The Chairman of the Committee on Health and Sanitation of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union;
- f. The Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Industry of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union;
- g. The Provincial Health Officer of the Province of La Union;
- h. The Municipal Mayor of the host Municipality of Agoo;
- i. The Regional Director of the Department of Health, Region I;
- j. Two (2) representatives from the private sector, engaged in the medical profession, one coming from the first district and the other from the second district of La Union, to be appointed by the Provincial Governor with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees;
- k. Two (2) representatives from social, civic or religious sector organizations in the province, to be appointed by the Governor with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees;
- l. The President of the Liga ng mga Barangay of La Union; and
- m. The Chief of Hospital of the LUMC.

The term of the representative from the private sector and the representative from social, civic or religious sector organizations in the province shall be three (3) years.

The members of the Board of Trustees, except for the Chief of Hospital, shall serve

without compensation and allowances for the entire duration of their terms. However, each member of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to *per diem* for every board meeting actually attended. The Board of Trustees shall fix the amount of *per diem* its members may be entitled to, subject to the pertinent budgetary laws, rules and regulations on compensation, honoraria and allowances.

The Governor of the Province of La Union shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and shall be its presiding officer. The Vice Governor of the Province of La Union shall sit as Vice Chairman of the Board.

A majority of eight (8) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Any decision of the majority of such eight (8) members on matters duly presented to the Board of Trustees shall constitute a valid and binding act of the LUMC, except on matters where existing laws and the by-laws, rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees require a greater number.

SEC. 4. *The Chief of Hospital.* — The Chief of Hospital shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the LUMC. He shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, and shall serve for a term of four (4) years, unless sooner removed for cause, resigns, dies or is incapacitated. He shall receive regular salaries, allowances and other emoluments as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. He shall, among others, recommend the appointment, removal and compensation structure of the personnel thereof, for the approval of the Board of Trustees. He shall also exercise such other powers and functions as provided in the by-laws, rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 5. *Property of the LUMC.* — The property of the LUMC shall consist of such real, personal, mixed, and other type of property, now owned or reserved for, or may hereafter be given, acquired, donated, transferred or conveyed to the LUMC by the national government, its branches and instrumentalities, other local government units, any foreign government, as well as by trusts, foundations, corporations or persons, alien or domestic, in order to carry out its purposes and objectives as set forth herein.

SEC. 6. *Purposes and Objectives.* — The purposes and objectives of the LUMC are as follows:

- a. To establish, operate, manage and maintain a general hospital in the Province of La Union, specifically in the Municipality of Agoo, for the benefit and welfare primarily of the people of La Union;
- b. To promote and develop a center for the delivery of quality and affordable medical and surgical care to the people of La Union in particular, and Region I in general;
- c. To promote, develop and undertake a comprehensive family medicine program with emphasis on the preventive and curative aspects of health care;
- d. To develop a multi-specialty center with focus on the diagnostic and therapeutic components of difficult specialized cases;
- e. To facilitate, encourage and/or undertaken the training of provincial and paramedical health care providers on the practical and scientific conduct and implementation of medical services and related activities;
- f. To promote and develop a research center for locally-based health concerns; and