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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.

Boracay Island is located approximately 315km (200 miles) south of Manila and 2km off the northwest tip of the island of Panay in the Western Visayas region of the Philippines. The island comprises the barangays of Manoc-Manoc, Balabag, and Yapak (3 of the 17 barangays which make up the municipality of Malay), and is under the administrative control of the Philippine Tourism Authority in coordination with the Provincial Government of Aklan.

Arguably the country's most popular tourist destination, Boracay in the first quarter of 2009 attracted 158,030 tourists or 12% of the total tourists in the country. Despite its high tourist and economic activity, however, the island remains without a standard hospital to serve the medical needs of its residents and visitors. Thus, a significant number of these people are at risk of being unattended by competent medical personnel in times of emergency or even for regular medical checkups. The geography of the island will therefore require them to settle for less accessible medical facilities in the Panay mainland, at greater financial cost and travel time.

The bill seeks to establish a public hospital in the Island that will cater the medical needs of the Islands' residents and visitors. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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12 **AN ACT**
13 **TO ESTABLISH A TWENTY-FIVE (25) BED CAPACITY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN**
14 **BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE**
15 **BORACAY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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18 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
19 *Congress assembled:*

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21 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established a twenty-five (25)-bed capacity emergency
22 hospital in Boracay Island, Malay, Province of Aklan to be known as the Boracay
23 Emergency Hospital.

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25 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the local government officials
26 concerned, shall promulgate and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
27 implement the provisions of this Act.

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29 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Health shall provide subsidy to the Municipality of Malay
30 for the initial establishment of the public hospital. Thereafter, such funds necessary for the
31 maintenance and operation of the hospital shall be provided in accordance with the
32 provisions of the Local Government Code.

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

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36 *Approved,*