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AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR INTO THE SAMAR ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Northern Samar Provincial Hospital has been instituted through the initiative of the national government in 1956. Since the provincial government administered its operation, it has an authorized bed capacity of one hundred (100). For the past fifty five years, the hospital has been able to render out-patient consultations as well as provide medical assistance to its in-patients. Distinct from other hospitals in Region VII, it confers free and exclusive hospitalization for provincial government employees, inclusive of their dependents. Nonetheless, the population of the region, particularly in Northern Samar, has escalated extensively over time. Additional number of beds and upgraded equipment and facilities are crucial to serve greater number of patients.

In addition, the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital has been functioning as an affiliate institution formulating partnership with various nursing schools. As a nearby hospital located in Catarman neighboring municipalities such as Bohon and Mondragon likewise avail medical services provided by the hospital. Easy accessibility to tertiary health care for less fortunate Filipinos from Samar Island is deemed necessary. Pursuant to of public service through legislation, I believe it is high time that we pass the bill in order to alleviate the plight of our needy fellowmen in Northern Samar.

Thus, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** The State shall protect and promote the
2 right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this
3 end, the State shall give adequate, accessible and affordable primary, secondary and
4 tertiary health services to the citizens.

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6 **SECTION 2. Objectives. --**

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8 (a). To upgrade the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital into a Tertiary Hospital – Level
9 III;
10 (b). To provide easy accessibility to tertiary health care for the less fortunate Filipinos
11 from Samar Island; and
12 (c). To provide teaching, training and medical research, hospital for medical students in
13 Samar Island through the Samar Island Medical Center.

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15 **SECTION 3. Conversion.** The Northern Samar Provincial Hospital in the
16 Municipality of Catarman, Province of Northern Samar is hereby converted into a
17 Tertiary Hospital - Level III to be known as Samar Island Medical Center, increasing
18 therefore its bed capacity to three hundred (300). It shall be under the full administrative
19 and technical supervision, control and management of the Department of Health.

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21 **SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Department of Health
22 shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this
23 Act.

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25 **SECTION 5. Appropriations. -** The provincial government of Northern Samar
26 shall continue to provide the same level of financial assistance to the Northern Samar
27 Provincial Hospital until such time that the national government shall have fully funded
28 the capital outlay requirements of the hospital and its operating expenses in the annual
29 General Appropriations Act.

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31 **SECTION 6. Effectivity. -** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,