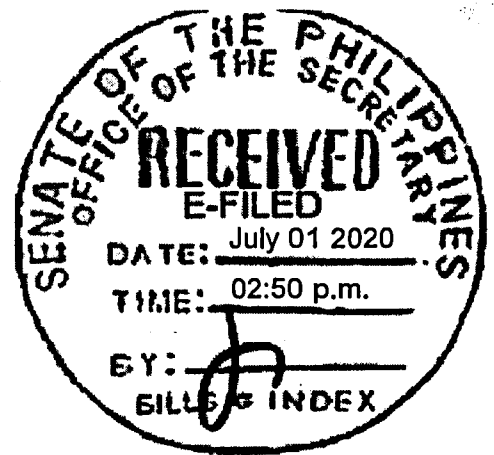


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish the Bacolod City General Hospital in the City of Bacolod, Negros Occidental which is envisioned to provide health care to the people of the Lone District of Bacolod.

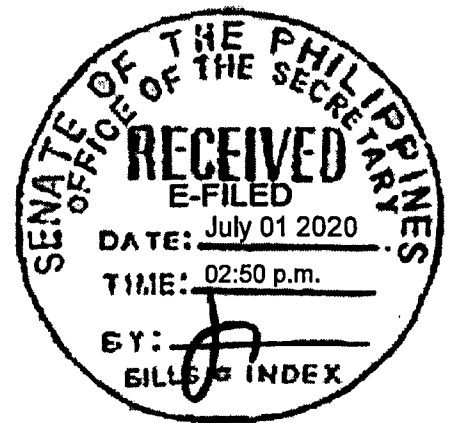
Bacolod City is one of the most populated cities in the country with 561,875 residents as per the 2015 national census, which makes this bustling metropolis the most populated city in Western Visayas and second in the whole of Visayas. Currently, the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital or CLMMRH is the only tertiary government hospital that caters to the whole of Negros Occidental. With only a 400-bed capacity that serves a daily average of 724 patients from the whole province, the CLMMRH clearly needs to decongest its load to attend to the needs of its growing number of patients. Thus, this measure will address the overcrowding in the said health facility and will provide the people of Bacolod City a better quality of health care services.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill 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.** There shall be established a tertiary general hospital in the City of  
2 Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental to be known as the Bacolod City General  
3 Hospital (BCGH).
- 4           **SEC. 2.** The City Government of Bacolod shall provide funding for the  
5 establishment, operation, and maintenance of the BCGH.
- 6           **SEC. 3.** The Chief of Hospital of the BCGH shall submit to the Department of  
7 Health (DOH) a development plan to reflect the developmental goals of the hospital.  
8 The medical personnel, capital outlays, and budgetary needs for the operation of the  
9 BCGH shall be based on the hospital development plan.
- 10           **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall include in the  
11 Department's subsidy program, its support for the capital outlays of the hospital.
- 12           **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health, in consultation and coordination with local  
13 government officials concerned, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations  
14 for the effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.
- 15           **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
16 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*