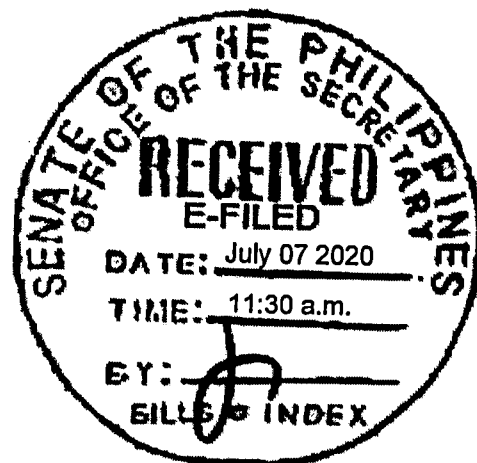


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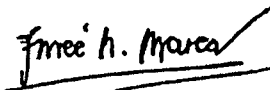
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

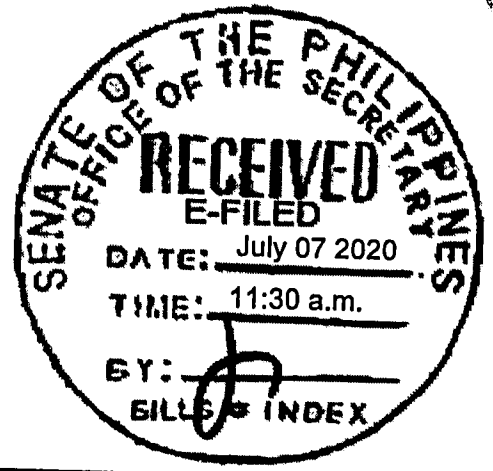
Pursuant to the abovementioned provision of the Constitution, this bill seeks to establish a regional hospital to be known as the Eastern Pangasinan Regional Medical and Trauma Center to be located in the Municipality of Rosales, Pangasinan. A hospital within the locality of Eastern Pangasinan has long been requested by its residents. The nearest regional medical facility is located in Dagupan City, making emergency medical assistance and trauma intervention inaccessible to the Pangasinenses.

Thus, the establishment of the Eastern Pangasinan Regional Medical and Trauma Center will address the needs of the community and ensure that they are provided accessible and affordable medical and 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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Section 1. There is hereby established a general hospital in the Municipality of Rosales, Province of Pangasinan to be known as the Eastern Pangasinan Regional Medical and Trauma Center, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH)

Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facility shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, which shall be prepared by the DOH to reflect the developmental goals of the hospital.

Section 2. The DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

Section 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 5. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*