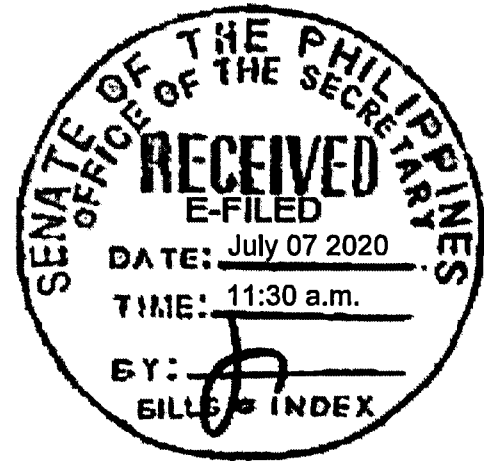


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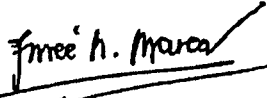
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote 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.

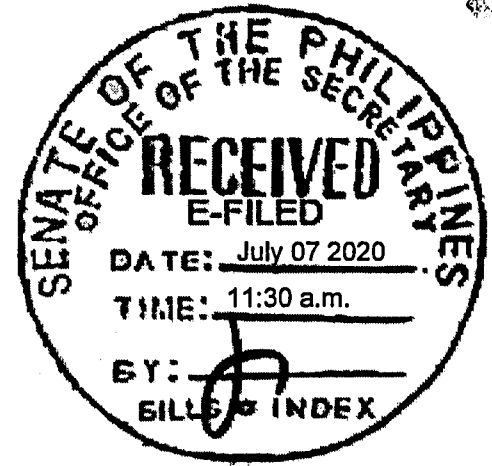
The Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital is located in Butuan City which is located at the center of the province. The hospital is a medical institution at level I with a capacity of one hundred (100) beds that meet the medical needs of the people of Agusan del Norte Province and nearby provinces in Caraga Region. Over the years, the hospital has been catering beyond its bed capacity, therefore, the quality of providing health services is at stake.

This measure seeks to convert the Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital into a Level III hospital and regional training center for medical personnel. Furthermore, this proposed measure aims to help upgrade the current government hospital and this training facility will provide trained medical personnel to address the health care needs of the people in the province.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. The Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital in Butuan City, Province
2 of Agusan del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level III hospital with capacity as a
3 teaching and training facility, in accordance with the standards of the Department of
4 Health, to be known as the Agusan del Norte General Hospital and Training Center.

5 The authorized bed capacity of the Agusan del Norte General Hospital and
6 Training Center is hereby upgraded from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300),
7 to be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of
8 this Act.

9 SEC. 2. The existing medical equipment and facilities, its operating funds and
10 construction of the needed infrastructure of the Agusan del Norte General Hospital
11 and Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to
12 the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.

13 SEC 3. The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of
14 additional medical equipment and facilities and the construction of needed
15 infrastructure shall be charged against the current year's appropriations and
16 thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operations shall be
17 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

18 SEC 4. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
19 regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

1 Sec. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or
2 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
3 or modified accordingly.

4 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
5 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,