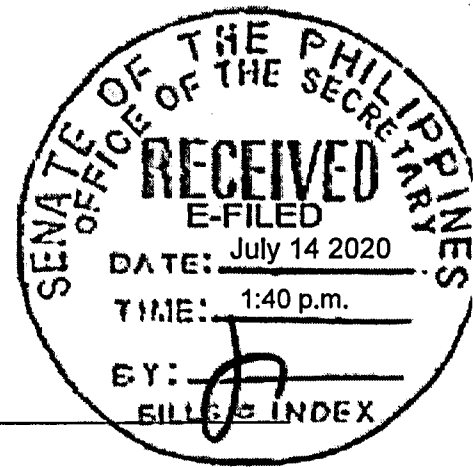


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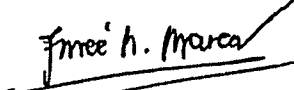
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, Article II, Section 15 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.

Region VIII is the third poorest region in the Philippines, within Region VIII the Third District of Leyte is its poorest District. The Third District of Leyte has no district hospital. It only has two (2) infirmaries – one in Tabango and one in Calubian. The Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) situated in Tacloban City is approximately 160 kilometers away from the third district. In 2017, the Department of Health put up the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center Villaba Extension (EVRMC-Villaba Extension), which has only twenty-five (25) bed capacity. As an extension hospital it is supposed to address the medical needs of more than 200,000 residents. However, the number of patients of the said extension hospital increased and this has resulted to congestion. Moreover, the number of workers needs to be increased in order to address the restlessness among the existing medical personnel.

Taking into account these concerns, this bill seeks to convert the EVRMC- Villaba Extension to a Tertiary level hospital, increase its bed capacity and upgrade its services, facilities and professional health care. This will cater the medical needs of the people in the Third District of Leyte and its neighboring communities.

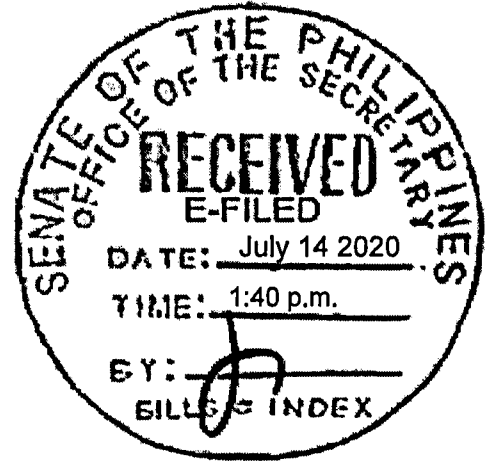
In view of the foregoing, the speedy passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Eastern Visayas Medical
2 Center – Villaba Extension or “EVRMC–Villaba Extension”.

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4 SEC. 2. *Conversion.* – The Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in the
5 Municipality of Villaba, Province of Leyte is hereby converted into a Level 3 Regional
6 Hospital to be known as the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center – Villaba
7 Extension (EVRMC-Villaba Extension), and shall be under the supervision, control and
8 management of the Department of Health (DOH).

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10 For this purpose, the authorized bed capacity of EVMC Center shall be increased
11 from twenty-five (25) beds to two hundred (200) beds.

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13 SEC. 3. *Upgrade of Facilities, Services and Increase of Personnel.* – The hospital
14 facilities and services of the EVRMC-Villaba Extension shall be upgraded and increased
15 to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity
16 as provided for in Section 2 of this Act, and consistent with the requirements of modern
17 medical services and its status as level 3 regional hospital.

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19 The number of medical and service personnel, maintenance and other operating
20 expenses of the EVRMC-Villaba Extension shall be correspondingly increased to
21 conform with Section 2 of this Act.
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1 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in
2 the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
3 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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5 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the
6 approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of
7 Budget and Management shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to
8 implement the Provisions of this Act.
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10 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this act is declared
11 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
12 remain in force and effect
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14 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or
15 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
16 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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18 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
19 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,