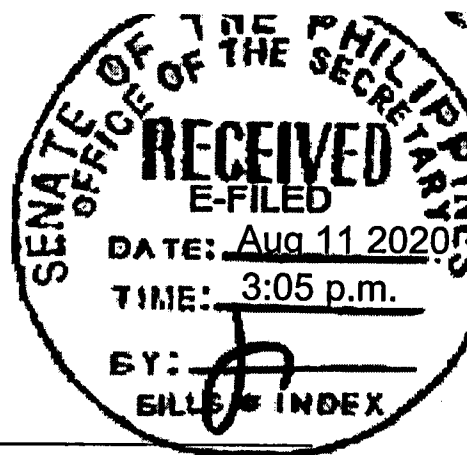


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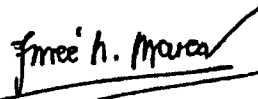
EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 aforementioned constitutional mandate, this bill proposes to increase the bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital in the Municipality of Naguilian, Province of La Union from twenty-five (25) to Fifty (50) beds and upgrade its services and facilities.

The Naguilian District Hospital offers medical and healthcare services to the residents of Naguilian, La Union and nearby municipalities of Bagulin, Bauang, and Burgos, and other parts of Benguet. However, due to the growing population of Benguet Province and the hospital's limited facilities, providing quality medical services to the community has been a challenge. Thus, the upgrading of the Naguilian District Hospital is necessary to ensure that the Municipality of Naguilian and its neighboring communities are provided with accessible medical and healthcare services.

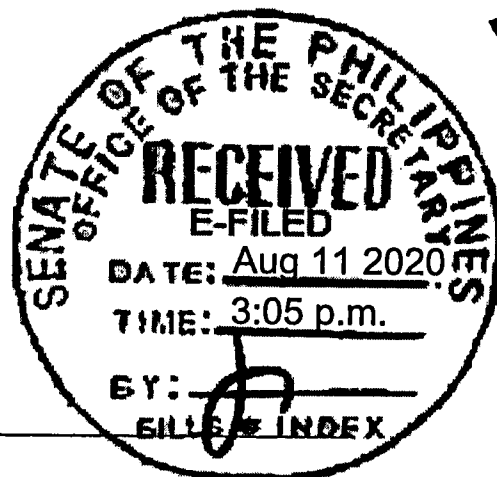
In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **Section 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital in
2 the Municipality of Naguilian, Province of La Union is hereby increased from twenty-
3 five (25) to fifty (50) beds.

4 **Sec. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services
5 of the Naguilian District Hospital shall, as far as practicable, be correspondingly
6 upgraded to include the increase number of medical personnel. The Department of
7 Health, in coordination with the concerned local government officials, shall
8 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
9 this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

10 **Sec. 3.** The increase in bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital from
11 twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two
12 (2) years from the approval of this Act.

13 **Sec. 4.** The Provincial Government of La Union shall provide the necessary
14 funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital and
15 the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services. The Secretary of Health
16 shall include in the Department's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay
17 requirements of the hospital.

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 or
3 modified accordingly.

4 **Sec. 6.** If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional, the
5 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and
6 effect.

7 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two
8 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,