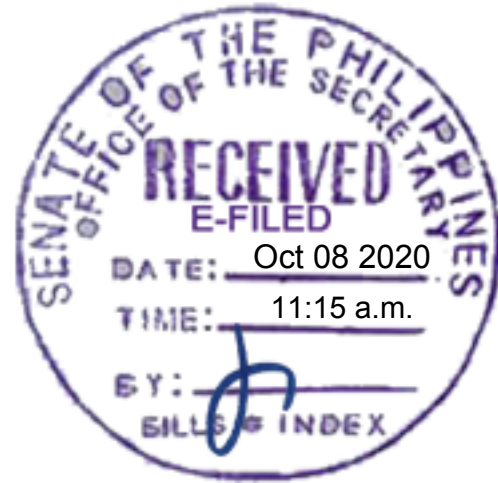


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure is a counterpart version of House Bill No. 2289 filed by Representatives Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo and Adriano Ebcas. According to the Department of Health (DOH), the Lanao Del Norte Provincial Hospital is a Level 1 general hospital with a 100-bed authorized capacity. Given that 2015 PSA data puts the total population of the province at around 4.69 million, it is only understandable that the provincial hospital is at a constant overcapacity.

Data from DOH-Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau showed that, from 2018 to 2019, the bed occupancy rate of the Lanao Del Norte Provincial Hospital averaged at 131.6% - above the national standard of 80% to 85%. In the same period, the number of emergency visits and outpatient visits increased by 1.34% and 1.73% respectively.

1 Hence, the proposed measure seeks to strengthen and upgrade the hospital  
2 capability to be known as the Lanao Del Norte Regional Medical Center (LDNRMC). The  
3 bill also proposes to transfer the direct supervision and control to the Department of  
4 Health (DOH). This will empower the hospital to increase its bed capacity to serve more  
5 people – in line with the government’s vision of providing a better healthcare system for

- 1 all Filipinos. According to the DOH, this will also allow the hospital to provide healthcare
- 2 services to inhabitants in nearby provinces.

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



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

1           **SECTION 1. *Lanao Del Norte Regional Medical Center.*** – The Lanao Del  
2 Norte Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Baroy, Province of Lanao Del Norte is  
3 hereby upgraded into a regional hospital to be known as the Lanao Del Norte Regional  
4 Medical Center (LDNPMC), under the direct supervision and control of the Department of  
5 Health (DOH).

6           The bed capacity of LDNPMC shall be implemented in accordance with the hospital  
7 development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

8           **SEC. 2. *Health Care Services and Facilities Upgrading.*** – The existing  
9 professional health care services and facilities are also hereby upgraded to conform with  
10 and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 hereof.

11           **SEC. 3. *Additional LDNPMC Personnel.*** – The existing workforce of the  
12 LDNPMC, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased  
13 correspondingly. The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of  
14 Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commissioner of the Civil Service

1 Commission, and after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of LDNRMC, determine  
2 the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

3 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in  
4 the program of the DOH the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be  
5 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

6 **SEC. 5. Coordination with the Local Government Unit** – The DBM, in  
7 consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Lanao Del Norte, shall  
8 determine the cost of renationalized functions relative to the operations of the LDNRMC  
9 from its current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and thereafter, and cause the allocation  
10 of the same to the DOH chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of  
11 Lanao Del Norte.

12 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held  
13 unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue  
14 to be in full force and effect.

15 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and  
16 regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
17 amended or modified accordingly.

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.***