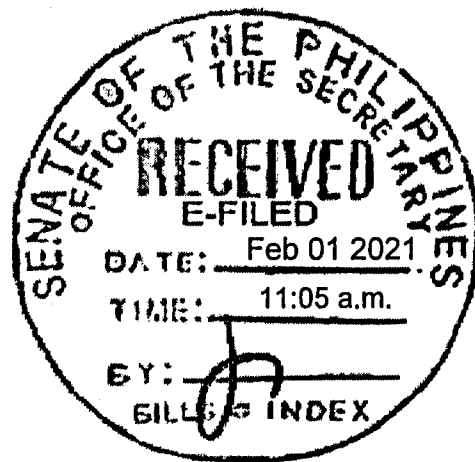


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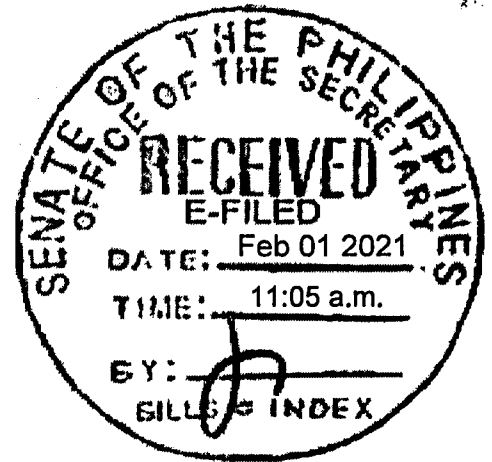
The novel Coronavirus pandemic exposed the weaknesses in our public health care system. Limitations in our health facilities and the lack of fully equipped tertiary hospitals impaired the nation's capability to swiftly and adequately respond to the health crisis. Even before the global emergency, we also hear stories of the need to travel for hours and to cross many miles just to receive emergency medical attention and patients not being given specialized care mainly due to their geographic location.

This measure aims to address this lack of health infrastructure in the Samar island, the third largest island in the country. This bill proposes the establishment of Samar Island Medical Center, a tertiary hospital in Calbayog City, Samar which will be under the control and supervision of the Department of Health. It seeks to enhance the Eastern Visayas region's capacity to deliver accessible, comprehensive and quality health service to the population, in accordance with the Universal Health Care Law.

In this light, the passage of this 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. There shall be established in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar,
2 a tertiary hospital to be known as the Samar Island Medical Center, which shall be
3 under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

4 Sec. 2. Any increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and
5 facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by
6 the DOH.

7 Sec. 3. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
8 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
9 annual General Appropriations Act.

10 Sec. 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
11 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

12 Sec. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent
13 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,