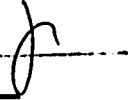


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Samar Island is the third largest island in the Philippines, divided into three provinces, namely Samar, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar. It is home to around two million residents, almost half of the total population of the whole region of Eastern Visayas, which in 2015 stood at 4.4 million.

The region's population is currently being served by 51 government-owned and 27 privately-owned hospitals. It has only two Department of Health-retained hospitals: the 500-bed capacity Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in Tacloban City, and the 25-bed capacity Schistosomiasis Research Hospital in Palo, Leyte.

In a statement by DOH Region VIII Director Minerva Molon, it was bared that the doctor-to-patient ratio in Samar Island currently stands at 1:10,337. Furthermore, the island does not have any tertiary hospitals, and residents in need of high-level specialty care need to travel for hours to reach the nearest government tertiary hospital in Tacloban, Leyte.

This bill seeks to establish a tertiary hospital under the control, supervision, and management of the Department of Health in the City of Calbayog, Samar to be known as the Samar Island Medical Center. With this measure, we endeavor to bring quality and affordable healthcare services closer to Samaritans as well as help improve the doctor-to-patient ratio on the island.

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



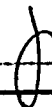
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 **Section 1.** There shall be established a tertiary general hospital, known as
2 the Samar Island Regional Medical Center, with a minimum capacity of one
3 hundred (100) beds, to be located in the City of Calbayog.
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5 **Sec. 2.** The Samar Island Regional Medical Center shall be under the direct
6 administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health.
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8 **Sec. 3.** The Department of Health shall formulate the necessary guidelines
9 for its operation as a tertiary hospital and ensure funding for the acquisition of the
10 land on which the hospital will be established, the construction of the hospital
11 buildings and other complementary infrastructure, facilities and medical
12 equipment, as well as for the costs for the necessary maintenance and personal
13 services.
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15 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
16 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
17 be charged against the current year's unappropriated balance of the Department
18 of Health. An appropriation of two hundred million pesos (P 200,000,000.00) shall
19 be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year succeeding the
20 implementation of this Act, and one hundred million pesos (P 100,000,000.00)

1 thereafter for four (4) years or until the provisions of this Act are fully implemented
2 is hereby set aside for the purpose of this Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary
3 for the continued operation of the Samar Island Regional Medical Center shall be
4 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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6 **Sec. 5.** If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid,
7 other parts for provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain
8 in full force and effect.

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10 **Sec. 6.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts
11 thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed
12 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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14 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of
15 its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general
16 circulation.

Approved,