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### Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" All Filipinos are entitled to have access to affordable and quality health care services.

At present, the Bislig District Hospital can no longer cope with the increasing demand for hospital beds, modern medical facilities, and additional health care services. The demand from the neighboring municipalities and the increasing population of Bislig City makes it imperative to address this concern. Hence, there is an evident need for the district hospital to upgrade its facilities and increase its bed capacity.

Consistent with the mandate of the Constitution, this bill seeks to convert the Bislig District Hospital in Bislig City, Surigao del Sur into a medical center to be known as the Bislig City Medical Center and increase its bed capacity to five hundred (500) beds from fifty (50) beds.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** The Bislig District Hospital in Bislig City, Province of Surigao del Sur is hereby converted into a medical center to be known as the Bislig City Medical Center.

4 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Bislig City Medical Center is hereby 5 increased from fifty (50) to five hundred (500) beds.

6 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Bislig 7 City Medical Center are also hereby upgraded to conform with the increase in bed 8 capacity as provided in Section 2 hereof.

9 **SEC 4.** The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of 10 additional medical equipment and facilities and the construction of needed 11 infrastructure shall be charged against the current year's appropriations and 12 thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operations shall be 13 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

14 **SEC 5.** The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and 15 regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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

4 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or 5 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended 6 or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,