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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

According to the latest census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, Cavite is the province with the highest population at 4,344,829. The First District alone, composed of Cavite City and the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario, has 368,468 inhabitants.

With the growing population and increasing need for accessible health services aligned with the Department of Health's Facility Development Plan, this measure seeks to upgrade the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital in Barangay San Sebastian, Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite into a Level II District Hospital and increase its capacity to one hundred (100) beds.

In consideration of the need to expedite the upgrading of the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital in the Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite, to serve current and immediate health care needs of the First District of Cavite, the immediate approval 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:

Section 1. The Kawit Kalayaan Hospital in Barangay San Sebastian, Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite, is hereby upgraded into a Level II District Hospital, under the technical supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Its authorized bed capacity shall be increased to one hundred (100) beds. The Secretary of Health shall implement the increase in bed capacity within a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

- Sec. 2. The existing hospital facilities and health care services of the Kawit Kalayaan Hospital shall be upgraded to conform with the requirements of a Level II District Hospital, and be commensurate with the increase in bed capacity. The number of professional medical personnel shall also be increased in relation with the said upgrade.
- Sec. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include the implementation of this Act in the Department's programs, and such funding shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days after its approval.

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Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to, or inconsistent with, this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,