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TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS, PLACING THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOR

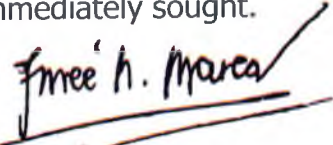
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Benguet General Hospital provides quality health and medical services to the people of Benguet and its neighboring communities like Pangasinan, La Union, Nueva Viscaya, and the Cordillera region. The fact that it accommodates a number of provinces and the growing population, an authorized bed capacity of two hundred (200) beds are inadequate to meet the demands of the people. Moreover, the current medical facilities and financial resources of the hospital is limited and thus, advanced medical and surgical procedures cannot be performed.

To address this problem, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Benguet General Hospital from two hundred (200) beds to four hundred (400) beds and upgrade its existing facilities and professional healthcare services to be more responsive to the medical and health care needs of the people in Benguet and its neighboring communities.

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


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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The existing bed capacity of the Benguet General Hospital, La
- 2 Trinidad, Benguet, is hereby increased from 200 to 400 bed capacity.
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- 4 **SEC. 2.** The existing facilities and professional healthcare services, including the
- 5 number of medical personnel, other support staffs and workers are also hereby
- 6 increased and upgraded in order to conform with appropriate for the increased bed
- 7 capacity.
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- 9 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Budget, in coordination with the Civil Service
- 10 Commissions, and Board of Directors of the subject hospital, shall determine the
- 11 number of *plantilla* positions to be created and filled up as mandated by this Act.
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1 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Health shall include in the
2 Department's budget and programs the implementation of this Act and shall be included
3 in the yearly appropriations in the General Appropriations Act.
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5 **SEC. 5.** The mandated increase of bed capacity shall be implemented within a
6 period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.
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8 **SEC. 6.** The upgrading of the Benguet General Hospital as envisioned in this Act
9 shall be without prejudice to the provisions of Benguet Provincial Ordinance No. 04-90
10 declaring it as an Economic Enterprise.
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12 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or
13 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
14 accordingly.
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16 **SEC. 8.** If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
17 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and
18 effect.
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20 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
21 Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,