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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL  
SUR TO BE KNOWN AS RAMON MAGSAYSAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15 of Article II 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.*"

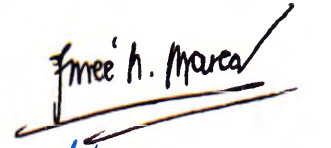
The Province of Zamboanga del Sur is composed of twenty-six (26) municipalities and one (1) city. According to the 2020 Census, Zamboanga del Sur has a population of 1,050,668 residents. This represented 27.11% of the total population of the Zamboanga Peninsula region, 4.00% of the overall population of the Mindanao island group, or 0.96% of the entire population of the Philippines.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Zamboanga del Sur, the Zamboanga del Sur Medical Center (ZDSMC), authorized by the Department of Health (DOH) for a 110-hospital bed capacity, is the only hospital that offers medical services to the health needs of the people. It is being managed by the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur.

Unfortunately, ZDSMC is burdened by the admission rate of two hundred fifty (250) to three hundred (300) patients per day. These patients are not only resident of the Province but are residents of the nearby provinces like Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, and Cotabato. With the passage of the Universal Health Care Law, the admission rate is expected to increase constantly.

This bill seeks to establish a district hospital in the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay, Province of Zamboanga del Sur to be known as Ramon Magsaysay District Hospital to address the increased demand for health and medical services of the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Zamboanga del Sur, also to cater those living in nearby provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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:*

1           **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the direct control and supervision  
2 of the Department of Health, a District Hospital in Ramon Magsaysay, Province of  
3 Zamboanga del Sur, to be known as the Ramon Magsaysay District Hospital.  
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5           **SEC. 2.** The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations  
6 for the effective implementation of this Act.  
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8           **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the  
9 Department of Health the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the Ramon  
10 Magsaysay District Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the  
11 current year's appropriation of the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount  
12 necessary for the operation and maintenance of the District Hospital shall be included  
13 in the Annual General Appropriations Act.  
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15           **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
16 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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*Approved,*