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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 mandated by the highest law of the land to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Wao District Hospital provides healthcare services to the people of the neighboring municipalities of Lanao Del Sur and the provinces of Bukidnon and Cotabato. However, due to the increasing population in the area, the said hospital caters beyond its capacity. The increase of the bed capacity of Wao District Hospital is essential especially in the light of the ongoing public health crisis brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. We can never be fully prepared for the sudden emergence of infectious diseases, which is why advancements and upgrades in the medical field are highly sought.

The bill therefore seeks to increase the bed capacity of Wao District Hospital from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds and upgrade its professional health care services and facilities.

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

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3607, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the District Hospital in the
2 Municipality of Wao, Province of Lanao Del Sur, is hereby increased from twenty-five
3 (25) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent
4 with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of
5 the Wao District Hospital, and submitted to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in
6 Muslim Mindanao – Ministry of Health.

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8 **SEC. 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Wao
9 District Hospital shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the
10 increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

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12 **SEC. 3.** The existing workforce of the Wao District Hospital, which includes
13 doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

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15 **SEC. 4.** The Bangsamoro Autonomous Government shall provide the necessary
16 funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the Wao District
17 Hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the additional human resource complement
18 to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its service
19 facilities and professional health care services.

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21 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy
22 program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Wao District Hospital.

1 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to
2 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
3 accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,