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EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, our hospitals were overwhelmed and did not have enough beds to treat our patients. Though no one has foreseen the onslaught of the pandemic, such unfortunate period in our lives has taught us the importance of preparedness. As we continue to recover, we are given the opportunity to strengthen our hospitals and ready them for extraordinary events such as a pandemic and day to day medical services.

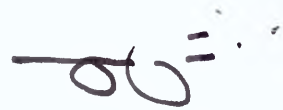
The Aparri Provincial Hospital traces its humble roots almost fifty years ago when it was established as a district hospital back in 1975. It was a 25-bed capacity hospital located in the municipality of Aparri, Cagayan. Half a decade later, it was designated as the provincial hospital when the Cagayan Provincial Hospital was converted into the Cagayan Valley Medical Center in 1980. This development led to the increase of bed capacity of the Aparri Provincial Hospital into 50 beds.

In 1992, through Republic Act No. 7381, the Aparri Provincial Hospital was promoted to a provincial hospital with a 75-bed capacity. Since then, three decades ago, the bed capacity of the Aparri Provincial Hospital has not increased.

As our government continues to focus on the health and well-being of our people, provincial hospitals are essential factors in the improvement of our national health care system.

The current 75-bed capacity and facilities of the hospital is no longer adequate to accommodate the needs of the residents of the province. As such, there is a need to upgrade and transfer the operation and management of the hospital to the Department of Health for the benefit of the people of Aparri.

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:

1 Section 1. The Aparri Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Aparri, Province
2 of Cagayan, is hereby upgraded from a Level I into a Level II General Hospital to be
3 known as the Aparri Medical Center (AMC) which shall be placed under the
4 management, direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

5 The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from
6 seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in the hospital's bed
7 capacity shall be based on its hospital development plan.

8 Sec. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities are also
9 hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to its
10 nationalization and the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof,
11 consistent with the hospital development plan.

12 Sec. 3. The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
13 Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with
14 the management of the hospital, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to
15 be created and filled up in the workforce of the said hospital.

1 Sec. 4. The chief of the hospital shall develop a hospital development plan to
2 be submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital, consistent
3 with the increase in bed capacity and service capability. Request for the staffing
4 requirements, capital outlay investments and budgetary needs for operations shall be
5 based on the hospital development plan.

6 Sec. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
7 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
8 annual General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 6. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall
10 formulate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) upon consultaion ecessary to
11 carry out the purposes of this Act. The IRR shall be consistent and implemented with
12 the hospital development plan.

13 Sec. 7. If any portion or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
14 remaining parts or provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain in full force and
15 effect.

16 Sec. 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent
17 with this Act are hereby repealed, or modified accordingly.

18 Sec. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
19 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,