


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

One of the means to implement this constitutional mandate is to ensure that there are adequate health facilities such as hospitals, health centers, rural clinics and the like in cities and provinces.

This bill aims to upgrade the present Southern Isabela General Hospital (SIGH) in Santiago City, Province of Isabela to a premier tertiary Department of Health hospital in 2015 to be re-named as Southern Isabela Medical Center. The SIGH does not only serve ailing constituents from Isabela but also the patients coming from the nearby provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Northern Ifugao, and Aurora.

Considering the laudable objective of this bill which is to extend quality medical care to an expanded group of health beneficiaries, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

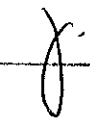

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Southern Isabela General Hospital in Santiago
2 City, Province of Isabela, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary general
3 hospital to be known as the Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC)
4 which shall be under the direct technical and administrative supervision
5 of the Department of Health (DOH).

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7 **SECTION 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the SIMC is hereby
8 increased from fifty (50) to three hundred fifty (350) beds.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The existing service capability, professional health
11 care services, and health human resource of the SIMC shall be upgraded
12 and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in
13 authorized bed capacity as herein provided.

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15 The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management
16 (DBM) shall create regular plantilla positions for health personnel
17 required of a medical center, in consultation with the DOH, with the
18 corresponding increases in the maintenance and other operating
19 expenses (MOOE) and personal services (PS) for the SIMC.

1 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include
2 in the Department's programs in the implementation of this Act, the
3 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
4 Act.

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6 **SECTION 5.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this
7 Act, the Secretary of the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of
8 DBM, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement
9 the provisions of this Act.

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11 **SECTION 6.** Republic Act No. 3138, establishing the Southern
12 Isabela Emergency Hospital, and Republic Act No. 8338, upgrading it to
13 Southern Isabela General Hospital are hereby repealed. All other laws,
14 decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations and parts thereof which
15 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
16 amended or modified accordingly.

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18 **SECTION 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
19 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
20 circulation.

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23 *Approved,*