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AN ACT

UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL III TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8561 was enacted into law on February 26, 1998. It upgraded the Bataan Provincial Hospital in the Province of Bataan into a tertiary level II hospital, increasing its bed capacity to three hundred fifty (350) beds.

Almost twenty years have passed, the administration of Bataan Provincial Hospital under the direct control, management and supervision of the Department of Health ensured that the hospital is being run by competent medical doctors, nurses and allied workers. Moreover, there have been major improvement in its facilities and the needed advanced equipment have been acquired.

To date, the 760,650 residents of Bataan is being served by the Bataan Provincial Hospital. The limitations provided by Republic Act No. 8561 serves as a hindrance to enhance and increase the bed capacity of Bataan Provincial Hospital. As such, to maximize its potential, use and to serve better the people of Bataan, there is a need to upgrade Bataan Provincial Hospital to a Level III Teaching and Training Hospital and rename it as Bataan General Hospital.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this 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. The Bataan Provincial hospital in the Province of Bataan is
2 hereby upgraded into a Level 3 hospital with capacity as a teaching and
3 training facility, in accordance with the standards of the Department of
4 Health, to be known as the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center.

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6 The authorized bed capacity of the Bataan General Hospital and
7 Medical Center is hereby increased from three hundred fifty (350) to five
8 hundred (500) beds, to be implemented for a period of not more than two (20
9 years from the approval of this Act.

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11 SEC. 2. The existing medical equipment and facilities, its operating funds and
12 construction of the needed infrastructure of the Bataan General Hospital and
13 Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate
14 to the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.

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16 SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of
17 additional medical equipment and facilities and the construction of needed
18 infrastructure shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
19 Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center and thereafter, such sums as
20 may be necessary for its continued operations shall be included in the annual
21 General Appropriations Act.

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1 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
2 regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its
3 effectivity.

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5 SEC. 5. Republic Act No. 8561, upgrading the Bataan Provincial Hospital, is
6 hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and
7 regulations, and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of
8 this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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10 SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other
11 provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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

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