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CONVERTING THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, provides that:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital is an authorized 10-bed capacity hospital created by RA 6864. At present, it has a Level I General Hospital License and accredited by Philhealth as Center for Quality. It caters mostly to women and children.

This measure aims to increase the bed capacity of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital from 10 to 200 beds to efficiently serve and cater the needs of the population of the City and nearby areas. This is the most opportune time to increase the San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital's bed capacity in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service, in relation to the national government's health care agenda.

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

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

SECTION 1. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital in Malabon City,
Metro Manila is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as

3 the San Lorenzo Ruiz General Hospital.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the San Lorenzo Ruiz 6 General Hospital in Malabon City, Metro Manila is hereby increased from 7 ten (10) to two hundred (200) beds.

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9 SECTION 3. The existing professional health care services, facilities and 10 health human resource of the San Lorenzo Ruiz General Hospital are 11 hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in its 12 authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof. The increase 13 in bed capacity from ten (10) to two hundred (200) beds should be 14 implemented consistent with the five (5)-year development plan of the 15 hospital.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementations of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. SECTION 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementations of this Act.

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

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9 Approved,