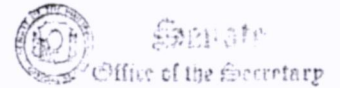


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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."

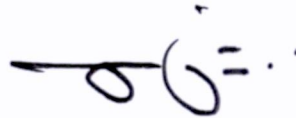
The Ziga Memorial District Hospital (ZMDH) located in the City of Tabaco caters to the first district in the Province of Albay which has a population of 380,000. The current bed capacity of the hospital is not sufficient to efficiently serve the population. Indeed, there is an urgent

need to upgrade the health facilities of the hospital to cater efficiently to the needs of the people.

This bill also seeks to convert the said hospital into an extension hospital of the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) to enhance its exposure to updated programs and activities as well as to facilitate its access to adequate funds.

The bill will also rename the Ziga Memorial District Hospital to Dr. Lorenzo P. Ziga Memorial District Hospital, to singularly honor the late Representative Lorenzo P. Ziga who originally conceptualized the establishment of the hospital.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Victor G. Ejercito', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Ziga Memorial District Hospital in the City of Tabaco,
2 Province of Albay, is hereby converted into an extension hospital of the
3 Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) to be now known
4 as the Dr. Lorenzo P. Ziga Memorial District Hospital.

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6 The authorized bed capacity of the Dr. Lorenzo P. Ziga Memorial
7 District Hospital is hereby increased from fifty (50) to two hundred fifty
8 (250) beds.

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10 **SECTION 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care
11 services of the Dr. Lorenzo P. Ziga Memorial District Hospital are hereby
12 upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to
13 increase in bed capacity. The number of medical personnel shall be
14 correspondingly increased.

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

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5 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary
6 rules and regulations for the operation of the subject extension hospital
7 within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

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9 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
11 circulation.

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13 Approved,