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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

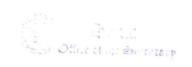
Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) is the only tertiary, teaching, and training hospital in Region II. It accommodates all patients throughout the region and nearby provinces. Currently, CVMC caters to an average of 89 admissions, 454 outpatient consultations and 143 emergency admissions. During the first half of 2018, there were 16,155 hospital admissions with only 843 bed capacity.

To address the problem, this bill proposes to increase the bed capacity of the CVMC in Tuguegarao City, Province of Cagayan, from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) beds to provide accessible and quality health services for the community. Given the abovementioned circumstances, the immediate passage of this bill is necessary.

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

Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) in Tuguegarao City, Province of Cagayan, is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

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Section 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC), shall be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number of its medical personnel. The Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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Section 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the CVMC from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) beds shall be implemented within the period of six (6) months to one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

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Section 4. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the CVMC. The entire

- 1 budgetary requirements of CVMC for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities
- 2 and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the following
- year of its enactment.

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Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,